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WIDENER LAW RETALIATES AGAINST CONSERVATIVE PROF

Wilmington, DE: Today, conservative tenured law professor Lawrence Connell announced that Dean Linda Ammons has retaliated against him after the law school tenured faculty refused to join her vendetta against him and it refused to fire him. On March 7th the tenured faculty Informal Committee of Inquiry upheld Connell's academic freedom and dismissed her charges against Connell. The lack of any basis for her charges was abundantly clear when anyone reviews Connell's 39 page sworn affidavit which was filed with the Committee. But, after he praised the faculty for its courage, Connell warned that Ammons might retaliate against him and take her partisan crusade to a more sympathetic forum over which she had total control, instead of independent and fair minded tenured faculty. And she did so, just three days later on March 10th and the legal papers were just delivered by mail to Connell yesterday.

On March 10th just days after Connell's sworn affidavit was posted on line, Ammons had two female minority law students in the class of 2012 refile their prior false charges against Connell but still not under oath. Now Connell must defend the charges the Faculty dismissed before an administrative body much more favorable to Ammons, which Connell's attorney Thomas S. Neuberger describes as a "hanging kangaroo court." Instead of being composed of independent law professors committed to fair procedures, Connell's judges at his trial now will be administrators of the University instead of the full tenured faculty of the law school: Vice-Dean J. Patrick Kelly, who has carried water for Ammons throughout Connell's present ordeal; George Hassell, the associate vice-president for administration of the university, who has actively participated in the effort to fire Connell and just one faculty member appointed by Dean Ammons, of course. This lone legally trained professor will be outvoted 2-1 by Ammon's representatives.

"Connell's situation is hopeless and he cannot hope for a fair trial before anyone but the fair minded and independent professionals found among the tenured law school faculty. But, having failed in that place, Ammons now has moved on to a more favorable home field seeking to deprive Larry of his fair chance to defend and clear himself," added Neuberger.

"Aside from the loss of disinterested judges, Larry also has lost the right for his attorney to cross examine his accusers. Now I have to write out my questions for these surrogates for Ammons and Kelly will decide whether to ask them himself if they are polite enough." "But this is a law school which is supposed to teach fair procedures, and nothing is fairer than making a person's accusers face his lawyer and be cross examined by him. But that was too much for Ammons, who has another agenda in mind for anyone who crosses her, like Larry did with his conservative philosophy at her liberal law school." "Amazingly, his accusers will not even have to testify under oath subject to perjury for their lies," said Neuberger.

"Last, the president of the university can take the result of this miscarriage of justice, with a slanted trial record created to favor Ammons's persecution and use it as the basis for the firing of Professor Connell despite whatever the tenured faculty chooses to do about Ammons's ideological feud," concluded Neuberger. "I will do everything in my power to save this man's career and hold these two students accountable for their falsehoods in a court of law, under sworn oath, and not under the protection of this renegade autocratic Dean."