

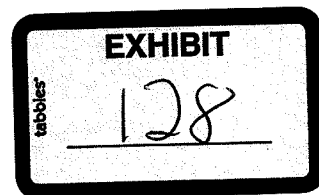
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
DAVENPORT DIVISION

TERESA R. WAGNER,)	
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)	
Plaintiff,)	NO. 3-09-CV-00010-CRW-TJS
)	
vs.)	DEPOSITION OF
)	RANDALL P. BEZANSON
CAROLYN JONES, DEAN)	
IOWA COLLEGE OF LAW ,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORIGINAL

DEPOSITION OF RANDALL P. BEZANSON,
taken in the Mason Ladd Conference Room,
University of Iowa College of Law, 280 Boyd
Law Building, Iowa City, Iowa, on Monday,
February 1, 2010, commencing at 2 PM, before
Donna M. Kelly, a Certified Shorthand Reporter,
licensed in the States of Illinois and Iowa,
pursuant to notice of the parties in the
above-entitled action. Also present: Teresa
Wagner.



1 **would not be consistent with my recollection.**

2 **Q.** But if she said under oath that I did
3 say that I would teach analysis and substantive
4 analysis --

5 **MR. CARROLL:** Editing.

6 **Q.** And substantive editing --

7 **A. That would be inconsistent with my**
8 **recollection.**

9 **Q.** With your recollection?

10 **A. Yes.**

11 **Q.** But you would agree with me that being
12 able to go to the videotape, we would be able
13 to clarify this greatly as to what was said and
14 what wasn't?

15 **A. Sure.**

16 **Q.** Okay. Do you know when the decision
17 was made to give Matt Williamson the job?

18 **A. Uh-uh.**

19 **Q.** Is that a no?

20 **A. No.**

21 (A discussion was held off the
22 record.)

23 **BY MR. FIEWEGER:**

24 **Q.** Did you have any informal discussions
25 with anyone from the law school regarding

1 selection of Matt Williamson over Teresa Wagner
2 on or before January 25th, 2007?

3 **A. I don't think so.**

4 **Q.** Okay.

5 **A. Not that I recall.**

6 **Q.** Did you participate in the vote by
7 the faculty as to offering Mr. Williamson this
8 position?

9 **A. I participated in a vote on**
10 **Ms. Wagner. I recall that, yes. I don't**
11 **recall a vote on Mr. Williamson.**

12 **Q.** Okay.

13 **A. I'm not saying that I didn't. I just**
14 **don't recall.**

15 **Q.** When did you participate in a vote on
16 Ms. Wagner?

17 **A. I think we had a vote at the end**
18 **of the faculty meeting following her lunch**
19 **presentation by a few days.**

20 **Q.** After her interview, the faculty voted
21 on her?

22 **A. Yes.**

23 **Q.** All right.

24 **A. When it next met, yes. I think it met**
25 **for that purpose, and Mr. Williamson might have**

1 **been among the people voted on, then, too, and**
2 **a third person, apparently, you said.**

3 **Q.** Do you know how many open spots there
4 were for this position?

5 **A. No, I don't recall.**

6 **Q.** Do you know that it was advertised --

7 **A. I think we were starting out with --**
8 **well, when we eliminated the small section, I**
9 **think we started out with maybe three**
10 **permanent, and then we built to five, and I**
11 **don't recall the exact years in which that**
12 **happened.**

13 **Maybe we are looking for five right**
14 **away, but maybe we started with three or**
15 **something of that sort.**

16 **Q.** And you believe three full-time
17 positions?

18 **A. Well, yes. When I say it may have**
19 **been three, it would have been full-time**
20 **positions, yes.**

21 **Q.** That's what I meant.

22 **A. Yes, but it may not have been three,**
23 **or it may have been more than three. I just**
24 **don't recall.**

25 **Q.** Did anyone in the discussions

1 regarding Ms. Wagner express any concern
2 about her political views to you when voting?

3 **A. You mean in the faculty meeting?**

4 **Q.** Correct.

5 **A. Before voting? Before voting?**

6 **Q.** Correct.

7 **A. I don't recall.**

8 **Q.** How about after voting?

9 **A. That's possible.**

10 **Q.** Okay. Who possibly discussed
11 Ms. Wagner's political views?

12 **A. I don't know.**

13 **Q.** Did you discuss with Jon Carlson
14 Ms. Wagner's political views at any time?

15 **A. Not that I recall.**

16 **Q.** Did you ever tell Mr. Carlson that you
17 were opposed to Ms. Wagner's candidacy for the
18 position?

19 **A. Might have.**

20 **Q.** Do you recall any recollection of that
21 conversation?

22 **A. Well, I don't know, but I wouldn't say**
23 **that it couldn't have happened in the course of**
24 **discussions among colleagues.**

25 **Q.** Okay.

1 she said that, that that was an indication that
 2 she would be willing to teach analysis?
 3 **A. I'm not sure that I would agree with**
 4 **that, no.**
 5 **Q. Why not?**
 6 **A. I'm just telling you what my**
 7 **interpretation of what you read to me is.**
 8 **Q. All right.**
 9 MR. FIEWEGER: Okay, let's take a
 10 break.
 11 (A discussion was held off the
 12 record.)
 13 BY MR. FIEWEGER:
 14 **Q. At the beginning of your deposition**
 15 **you stated that you had heard of Teresa's**
 16 **politics?**
 17 **A. Yes.**
 18 **Q. When did you first hear of her**
 19 **politics?**
 20 **A. I think it was -- boy, I would only**
 21 **guess, and I probably shouldn't do that.**
 22 MR. CARROLL: No, you shouldn't. If
 23 you don't know the answer, you don't know.
 24 THE WITNESS: I don't know the answer
 25 to that.

1 BY MR. FIEWEGER:
 2 **Q. Was it during the January 25th, 2007,**
 3 **meeting in which her -- in which the vote was**
 4 **for the faculty to reject her for the position?**
 5 **A. I'm pretty sure that it was not in**
 6 **that meeting. However anybody voted, nobody is**
 7 **ever stupid enough to say anything about that**
 8 **in a faculty meeting, I would think.**
 9 **Q. Do you recall whether it was before**
 10 **that meeting?**
 11 **A. I think it was after, but I don't**
 12 **recall. I can't tell you for sure. I'm**
 13 **sorry. I would like to be able to tell you.**
 14 **Q. Who informed you of her politics?**
 15 **A. I don't know. I'm not sure I knew**
 16 **anything specific about her politics. I think**
 17 **at some point I picked up someone saying she**
 18 **was conservative, but nothing more than that, I**
 19 **do not think, and I just don't know when. I**
 20 **wish I knew, and I don't.**
 21 **Q. And at the January 25th, 2007,**
 22 **meeting --**
 23 **A. The faculty meeting?**
 24 **Q. The faculty meeting.**
 25 **A. Not where she spoke, but the faculty**

1 **meeting afterwards?**
 2 **Q. The faculty meeting afterwards, did**
 3 **anyone bring up consideration of Teresa as an**
 4 **adjunct at that stage?**
 5 **A. Not that I recall, but I think the**
 6 **question was whether we would hire her as an**
 7 **LAWR.**
 8 **Q. But did anyone then further go on**
 9 **and say, Would you consider her for an adjunct**
 10 **position?**
 11 **A. Not that I recall.**
 12 **Q. At Washington and Lee when you**
 13 **were dean, was the student body, as a whole,**
 14 **considered conservative by nature?**
 15 **A. Yes.**
 16 **Q. Okay.**
 17 **A. Not all of them, but it was --**
 18 **Q. The majority?**
 19 **A. Yeah, or -- I don't know, probably a**
 20 **majority, but certainly a larger proportion of**
 21 **the students were conservative there than at**
 22 **your normal -- I didn't say normal; I was the**
 23 **dean -- than at the average national law**
 24 **school.**
 25 MR. FIEWEGER: I have nothing

1 further.
 2 MR. CARROLL: Thank you.
 3 (The deposition of Randall Bezanson
 4 was concluded at 3:37 p.m., 02-01-2010.)
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