

> Teresa Wagner's complaint a smear

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> Ordinarily, I would not comment on pending litigation. But there is

> nothing ordinary about the complaint made by Teresa Wagner against the

> dean of the University of Iowa College of Law.

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> Wagner's lawsuit alleges that she was not hired for a position at the

> UI College of Law because of the political bias of the faculty. Her

> complaint, and some press reports based on the complaint, distort or

> misstate various conversations I had with her. Those distortions,

> combined with a heavy dose of innuendo, are used to impugn the motives

> of my faculty colleagues, including, in particular, professor Randall

> Bezanson, who frequently is mentioned in the complaint.

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> Bezanson's dedication to his students and their learning is legendary

> and unquestioned. That commitment to students played a central role in

> the events described in the complaint.

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> Wagner's answers during her job interview raised concerns for many

> faculty members, including Bezanson, about her willingness and ability

> to guide students in developing or improving their legal analytical

> skills, a key part of the job she was seeking.

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> To my knowledge, no one on the faculty viewed Wagner's political views

> as at all relevant to the decision being made. As for Bezanson, anyone

> who knows him knows that he is a champion of the First Amendment and a

> strong advocate for political and intellectual diversity in the

> university and beyond. The suggestion that he opposed Wagner for

> political reasons has no support in anything he said or did and is

> nothing less than a cruel smear.

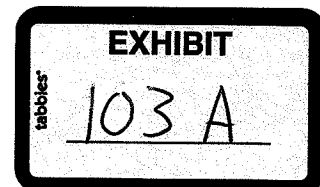
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> Jonathan Carlson

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> Iowa City

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> antioscar wrote:
> The U of I is so liberal that you must have an Obama sticker on your
> car to get paid parking.
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> Q: Why can't the U of I find any facts concerning sexual harrasment
> suits of professors?
> A: They aren't looking for any.
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> Q: How can you tell a group of students at the U of I from a group of
> Professors?
> A: The Professors are the ones burning the Consitution.
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> Q: What is the difference between a liberal Professor at the U of I
> and a puppy?
> A: A puppy quits whining after it grows up.
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> Q: What the difference between Jonathan Carlson and the rear end of a
> horse?
> A: I don't know either.
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> antioscar wrote:
> U of I liberal? I'm shocked, just shocked!
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> How liberal is the U of I?
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> It is so liberal that they don't admit students whose grandparents are
> Republicans.
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> hawkeyeGOPer wrote:
> Wow Mr. Carlson, you must not be a very smart lawyer if you're
> commenting on pending litigation involving your employer and a
> litigant that has named you as part of the complaint.
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> Never mind that whatever you say about this case could and likely will
> be used in any legal proceedings.
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> And to think that you're TEACHING future lawyers? No wonder why the UI
> is hiring people to teach legal writing and analysis courses that have
> no legal teaching background, no law experience, and no published
> works.
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> Libertarians wrote:
> Replying to ModerateNutjob:
> You wouldn't be writing this kind of letter if Teresa Wagner was black
> and applying for a job at a law school where the faculty was full of
> white people.
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> You are right. They would have already hired her as to avoid a law
> suit.
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> Libertarians wrote:

> There is very little open debate on campus. If you are anything but an
> extremely liberal you are scorned.
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> I am suprised that if this happened it would have been so easy to
> spot. Maybe those involved just don't care or think anything can or
> will be done to them.
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