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Rep. Manweller Sues Central Washington University for Wrongful Termination

District 13 State Representative Mathew Manweller filed a wrongful termination lawsuit against Central Washington University in Kittitas Superior Court on August 16, 2018. Manweller is seeking damages in the excess of \$2 million.

“In 2012 Central conducted a similar investigation and found nothing,” explained Professor Manweller. “They ended up paying my attorney \$15,000 in legal fees as part of the settlement. Then the University gave me a promotion and raise. According to student surveys, I am one of the highest-rated professors on campus. Just as in 2012, timing is suspect, attacking me in the middle of the election cycle.”

“The liberal University administration is also trying to silence my high-profile Republican voice on campus. Thousands of students have taken my political science classes where I challenge them to think objectively, and approach politics from all sides, not just the left. Students do not always agree with me, but we have healthy, constructive debates. Clearly academic freedom has limits at Central when it comes to conservatives.”

“Central just burned through \$120,000 paying a downtown Seattle lawyer to pressure people to make statements. Now they are looking at millions more in new liabilities. Tuition is already expensive at Central, and the administration’s arrogance is only going to cost the students and taxpayers more,” Manweller elaborated further. “CWU students, Washington taxpayers and state lawmakers should be outraged by the costs. This lawsuit will clear my name and hold the University accountable for their carelessness.”

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