

Statement in response to settlement:

I am happy to announce that the Plaintiff has agreed to drop her lawsuit against me, and I have accordingly dropped my defamation lawsuit against her and we have settled all litigation between us. I have paid no settlement money to her or to her lawyers or anyone connected with her, nor has anyone associated with me made such a payment.

While it might be natural to suppose that I now harbor some ill will towards the Plaintiff, this is not the case. In fact we have come to agreement on a number of points. She has put those points better than I possibly could in a letter she wrote to Northwestern University in connection with her refusal to participate in my dismissal hearings at Northwestern. Quoting from her letter (full letter attached):

I will not be participating in Northwestern's termination hearings against Professor Peter Ludlow. While this may come as unexpected, and indeed much consideration and reflection had to be given to this decision during which I reasoned back and forth, the core of my decision is quite simple – I do not trust Northwestern's ends, means, or motives. This is true within the context of my own dealings with Northwestern, as well as now, in Northwestern's handling of Professor Ludlow's termination hearing. As a result, Northwestern does not now have my support in its effort to terminate Professor Ludlow from his position at Northwestern.

... Professor Ludlow and I have found ourselves in agreement on some significant points. I believe both parties would agree that the investigation, determination, and action and aftermath, of the events of February 10th-11th 2012, were inept at best and improperly motivated at worst. I believe that both Professor Ludlow and I would agree that Northwestern has not conducted itself in good faith toward any litigant, witness, faculty, staff, or student, involved in any way with any of the legal or quasi-legal proceedings in which Northwestern is involved.

...every step, stage, and development of this long road in which Northwestern somehow had input into my decision-making must be reexamined with a skeptical eye toward Northwestern's influence.

Due to potential litigation against Northwestern University, I am not at liberty to comment further at this time.

Sincerely,

--Peter Ludlow

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