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Dear Dr. Gee

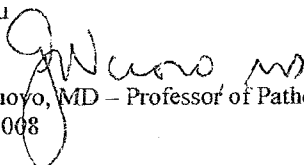
I am a tenured Professor in the College of Medicine, Department of Pathology. I have published over 210 peer review articles, two textbooks (one on gynecologic pathology and the other on in situ hybridization) and am on 4 NIH/NCI grants (two recently awarded). I have worked extensively with Dr. Michael Caligiuri, who can provide you with more details about my current situation.

I wish to file a formal complaint regarding the Office of Research Compliance and the associated Committee of Initial Inquiry. I am also sending a complaint to Dr. Chip Souba, who was good enough to apologize in person to me for my problems in Pathology, by expressing his regret. The committee was convened because the chair of Pathology – Sanford Barsky – accused me of scientific misconduct, claiming I do not have validation controls for my in situ work and that I do not keep good records. Dr. Michael Caligiuri can attest that these claims are false. The committee was chosen on April 30, 2008 and I quickly approved it and asked that the process be expedited. By OSU's bylaws, rules, and regulations, the Committee must come to a final decision within 60 days (June 30, 2008). I have had a "who's-who" list of OSU researchers, such as Drs. Carlo Croce, Albert de la Chapelle, and Mike Caligiuri (and many others) with direct and extensive experience in my work state in writing and verbally that my research practices are excellent (see attached) and that Barsky's allegations are falsehoods. I received the attached letter in my mailbox on June 25, 2008; this was the first correspondence I have received from the Committee of Initial Inquiry. The committee is asking for additional material, which they want by July 3. Clearly, they have no intention of following the bylaws mandate of 60 days.

There have been many other such hostile actions from Sanford Barsky. He has bragged to several people that he will do whatever it takes to "ruin my career" (see attached letter from Dr. Morrison). In 2006, he removed me from clinical service and suspended my privileges. The Peer review committee deemed this was unjustified, and reinstated them. The director of Gynecologic Colposcopy – Dr. Deborah Bartholomew - wrote Sanford Barsky a letter stating I was a nationally recognized expert in the field of cervical surgical pathology (see attached) and that I be reinstated – Barsky refused. I was replaced by someone much younger with no experience in gynecologic surgical pathology. Dr. Bartholomew has information documenting that, as a result, patient care has suffered. Specifically, women are being given a diagnosis of venereal disease when, in point of fact, they do not have one. Sanford Barsky attempted to suspend my credentials again. He barred me from my lab twice; it is only because Dr. Caligiuri gave me a lab that I can do my NIH-sponsored research. Sanford Barsky told me two times, once in the presence of Dr. Robert Bornstein, that he was doing this because he hated Italians (I am indeed an Italian-American). I filed a hostile work environment charge last December but, despite an email from Dr. Lewellen that an investigation was on-going, I have received no word about its outcome.

I would very much appreciate if you could assist via Dr. Souba in getting this investigation finished as soon as possible. This entire process is interfering with my work and has been an emotional drain on me.

Thank you


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