

**FS: HU Administration - Alumni Lawsuit**

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Good afternoon colleagues,

Yesterday, it seemed that Dr. Frederick implied there was no alumni lawsuit. The HU General Counsel Prioleau emailed us providing a bit of clarity:

*Good morning Dr. Alfred,*

*I understand Dr. Frederick received a question yesterday about the Timothy Jenkins, et al. v. Howard University, et al. litigation. Please note that it is not the University's practice to substantively comment on the status or details of currently pending litigation. However, I am providing a timeline of the events in this case below.*

*On December 9, 2021, plaintiffs' counsel issued a press release stating a lawsuit had been filed and on December 13, 2021 the Washington Post picked up on that press release and published an article indicating that a lawsuit had been filed. In fact, the referenced suit was not filed until December 16, 2021.*

*The complaint was not served on the University for several months. On February 14, 2022, plaintiffs' counsel filed an amended complaint correcting certain deficiencies including adding a cause of action and naming the Board members as individual defendants in lieu of the earlier reference to "the Board of Trustees" which is not a legal entity. On March 2, 2022, the University accepted service of the amended complaint and on March 31, 2022, the University removed the case to federal court where the case remains pending.*

*I hope this update is useful.*

We will follow up on our question regarding legal fees paid by the HU admin to the law firm defending the trustees.

A link to the filing may be found here:

[https://akilaworksongs.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/SummonsAComplaintExhibits\\_2022March.pdf](https://akilaworksongs.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/SummonsAComplaintExhibits_2022March.pdf)

Best Regards,

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