

IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR CLEVELAND COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

THE SUSTAINABLE JOURNALISM)
FOUNDATION *d/b/a* NONDOC MEDIA,)
and WILLIAM W. SAVAGE III,)
Plaintiffs,)

vs.)

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA *ex rel.*)
BOARD OF REGENTS OF)
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA,)
Defendant.)

Case No. CV-2021-1770
Judge Walkley

**AFFIDAVIT OF SEN. JULIE DANIELS
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' RESPONSE TO
DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

I, Julie Daniels, state under penalty of perjury under the laws of Oklahoma and in accordance with 12 O.S. § 426 that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

1. I have represented the residents of Senate District 29 from the Bartlesville area since being elected to the Oklahoma State Senate in 2016.

2. During my time in the Legislature, I have served as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, including time as its chairperson.

3. I have also served on the Senate Education Committee, which provides advice and consent for appointees to the University of Oklahoma's Board of Regents.

4. I am a 1976 graduate of the University of Oklahoma and a longtime donor to OU, which receives hundreds of millions of public dollars in pursuit of its mission. From 1998–2008, I served on the College of Arts and Sciences Board of Visitors. I received a University of Oklahoma Regents Award in 2000. My husband and both of my sons are graduates of OU.

5. I am aware that OU hired the law firm Jones Day to compile two reports over the course of Fiscal Year 2019. I am aware that Jones Day's work involved inquiries into (1)

systemic misreporting of donor data; and (2) allegations of serious sexual misconduct by longtime OU President David Boren.

6. I am aware that NonDoc Media and Tres (William) Savage are pursuing litigation under the Open Records Act for the release of the two final reports produced by Jones Day for OU in these matters.

7. I am aware that part of the university's response to this open records lawsuit includes an assertion that the public interest would not be served by the release of these reports. As a state legislator, OU graduate, and OU donor, I strongly disagree.

8. The public has a significant interest in its state universities being transparent, accountable, and responsible with revenues, whether taxpayer-funded appropriations or donations made by alumni or others who value OU.

9. Citizens have a right to be informed about their government institutions, and taxpayers who attend OU itself or who send their children to school there deserve to know that OU's leadership has done everything in its power to protect students.

10. To date, Tres Savage and NonDoc have responsibly revealed significant information about OU's actions and challenges. I trust NonDoc's pursuit of the truth and their professional approach to journalism.

11. The citizens of Oklahoma deserve to know what the OU Board of Regents learned from the Jones Day investigation and whether all protections have been taken to safeguard OU students and financial interests for the future.

6/14/23 Bartlesville
(Date and Place)

Julia Denio
(Signature)