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ESD Trial, Day 16 UPDATED

We're still waiting on a ruling from [Friday's hearing](#) on the admissibility of phone call recordings purportedly between J. Nathan Campbell and former CFO Chris Burrow. Judge D'Metria Benson is expected to rule on the matter today.

The only remaining witness designated as a definite on the stand by the Plaintiffs is history teacher Marc Salz, wife to Tolly and Campbell's former officemate. Of course, there's still the matter of the [Former Student](#) alleging sexual abuse in the '90s, who Benson ruled could be called as a witness, and [several other unverified reports](#) by parents and students that Aldous learned about a few weeks ago.

If we actually get started on time, and there aren't any new motions or meetings in chambers, then maybe, just maybe, the plaintiffs will wrap up

their side of the trial today.

UPDATE 1 p.m.

Head of upper school Erin Mayo resumed her testimony today, and, pending an offer of proof from ESD, was released as a witness. Here are the highlights.

10:15 a.m.

Chrysta Castaneda is leading the cross-examination for ESD. Mayo says a student in the grade below Jane had “longstanding knowledge of the relationship” and was so traumatized by it that she was seeking therapy.

Charla Aldous objects, saying that Mayo didn’t learn about this until after expelling Jane so it didn’t factor into the decision at all and is irrelevant.

“We felt the continued rumors and agitation in what seemed to be a growing number of the student body was a distraction for the learning environment,” Mayo says, adding she was “worried to the degree in which Jane’s peers were being pulled down into a situation they had no business in.”

10:30 a.m.

Mayo says it was her “root belief” that Jane would be better off outside of ESD. She also says she understood it was possible that Jane could be upset longterm about that decision.

“We do not see student desire and preference as a synonym for ‘best interest,’” Mayo says, clarifying that any potential harm for Jane was outweighed by the benefit of a change in environment.

“Jane achieved exactly what she was hoping for in terms of after high school outcomes,” Mayo says. “I feel great for her.”

Pass witness.

10:35 a.m.

Aldous takes over for the plaintiffs on rebuttal by asking Mayo if she told Jane’s parents the relationship had been sexual as soon as she found out Campbell had told Burrow.

Mayo says she did not because she found out in the evening and already had a meeting with the Does scheduled for the next day.

And now we’re back on the beer receipts. Mayo says it’s not her “read” on the school policy that purchasing alcohol with a school credit card is against the rules. This is contrary to what former CFO Chris Burrow testified to Thursday.

Also contrary to what Burrow said Thursday, Mayo says she was not responsible for checking Campbell’s credit card bill. She wasn’t even aware he had one until after he resigned in December.

“I’d be glad to supervise expenditures if I’d known about them,” she says. “The only expenditures I currently supervise are my own.”

What no one’s talking about on this bill is the fact that Campbell’s total, presumably for one person, was \$70.66.

10:40 a.m.

Mayo disagrees with Aldous that Campbell’s behavior could’ve been detected if better checks were in place.

Mayo says she still hasn’t seen Campbell’s cell phone bills from his ESD iPhone.

“I’ve heard about them, but I never saw them,” she says, prompting Aldous to present her with a copy of the bill with pages of highlighted phone calls and texts between Campbell and Jane.

“I don’t have anything to do with checking phone bills or credit card bills,” Mayo says.

10:50 a.m.

Mayo says that Marc Salz’s Jan. 22 report about Jane’s behavior from the previous year (the “did she just intentionally press her breasts against me in chapel incident”) was not “actionable” and played no role in the decision to expel Jane five days later.

Annnd we’re back on the Sad Story Email, which I was finally able to see the date on. It was sent at 8:22 a.m., Jan.27. The same afternoon, Jane’s father was called in and given the choice to withdraw his daughter or have her expelled.

Regarding the language, Mayo says she agrees with Aldous that it’s callous.

“I regret that I wrote them,” Mayo says. “I tossed them off fast.”

11 a.m.

Aldous shows an email from Jane’s French teacher, who had previously been reprimanded by Mayo for discussing Campbell. In the email, the French teacher tells Mayo that she’s afraid Jane will try to hurt her in some way. Mayo characterizes the email as an overreaction.

“She was scared to death of me at that point,” Mayo says, in reference to the fact that she had recently told the french teacher she could be fired for gossiping.

11:15 a.m.

Mayo characterizes another email comment she made as “neutral.” In an email to Royall, Mayo said the French teacher’s concern was “just another look at the effect this kid has on people.”

Mayo says that people were “jumpy” around Jane in the period immediately following Campbell’s departure and “throughout her time at ESD.”

Mayo disagrees that it was a threat when she told Jane's father to withdraw his daughter or she'd be expelled. Mayo also insists that expulsion is never put on a student's transcript but is shown on internal permanent records. Rebecca Royall testified contrary to this, saying expulsion goes on a transcript and could be seen by colleges requesting information on a student.

11:20 a.m.

Aldous asks how many students besides Jane have been expelled because of health concerns in the past five years.

Mayo thinks about it for awhile, and finally says "one."

Aldous starts asking Mayo about the statement she made last week that Jane could have been expelled as a result of an honor violation.

Mayo says Jane technically could have been expelled for lying about having sex with Campbell.

Aldous, visibly appalled at this statement, goes on to ask Mayo if they'd pursued the honor code route, would Jane and her parents have been consulted before expulsion?

Mayo says yes, because that's the established protocol for an honor code violation, as is the offender going before a council of her peers to address the charges.

"So Jane would've had to go before a council of her peers and admit she'd had sex with a teacher and lied about it?" Aldous asks.

"Yes, that's part of why we never considered [using the honor code to expel Jane]," Mayo says.

Aldous shows that the code requires two violations before expulsion is considered.

"So the kids that lie, cheat, and steal get more chances than Jane did, don't they?" Aldous asks.

"Not necessarily," Mayo says.

11:30 a.m.

Mayo says "the wedding ring incident has proved to be true."

Aldous asks if anyone ever talked to Campbell's wife, Sara, about what she could or could not say at school.

"Not that I'm aware of," Mayo says.

11:35 a.m.

Mayo says there's nothing in Campbell's personnel file at ESD indicating sexual misconduct because he resigned before they could do anything.

She says the file indicates he left in the middle of the school year, and she believes there may now be a document saying he was terminated.

“The charges are pending,” Mayo says. “What we have now is a letter of resignation and his dates of employment.”

Pass witness.

11:40 a.m.

Mayo ESD has not expelled a student “for at least a year.”

“All our families have elected to withdraw their students voluntarily,” Mayo says.

Now Castaneda starts asking questions about the “math teacher” who was terminated in 2011. She asks Mayo if there’s anything she’d like to clarify about him.

Mayo says in the fall of 2007 a student made a complaint about a teacher who’d chaperoned the homecoming dance. (This is the “I’m having a hard time keeping my pants up” comment, but it’s also the same teacher who reportedly said “This makes my pants feel fun.”)

“I confronted him about the allegations, which he denied,” Mayo says.

She allowed him to edit how an earlier incident, which hadn’t been previously reported and occurred before Mayo was hired, would be represented in his file. (The incident in question, I’m fairly certain, is the my pants feel fun quote, though Castaneda didn’t repeat it here).

“I thought it seemed like a fair request,” Mayo says.

Mayo says if an employer called her for a reference on Campbell, she’d make it clear that charges were pending against him for sexual assault of a student.

The witness is released, pending an offer of proof from Castaneda.

Jury is in recess until 2:30 p.m., but the attorneys go into the judge’s chambers.

It’s not clear if they discussing the proposed offer of proof on Mayo, the admissibility of the alleged Burrow/Campbell recordings, or the issue of ESD press releases, which Aldous & Co. complained about this morning. Judge Benson didn’t offer public rulings on any of those topics.

UPDATE 2 p.m.

Court is in recess until tomorrow, presumably because there are a lot of pending issues that require Benson’s time.

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By [Claire St. Amant](#) Aug. 29, 2011 | 9:12 am | [93 Comments](#) | [Comments RSS](#)

93 comments to "ESD Trial, Day 16 UPDATED"

Curious Alum @ August 29, 2011 at [9:27 am](#)

@ Claire – You may have addressed this in a previous post (and if so, apologies), but is the courtroom open to the public? I've been following your posts regularly and would like to watch closing arguments when it's time for them, if the courtroom will be open. Thanks.

marie anderson @ August 29, 2011 at [10:04 am](#)

The courtroom is open to the public.

Bulldogmom @ August 29, 2011 at [10:05 am](#)

@Eagle-eyed " agree with Father Swann's statement that no amount of faculty training will deter abusers; the adult perpetrator will know he/she is doing wrong. Also, I still stand by my assertions that she should have been forced to leave, and that the school was NOT negligent."

Those of us who aren't scrambling for plausible deniability, who prefer enlightenment, education and vigilance in dealing with the real threat of predators, are deeply troubled by the notion of "accepting the inevitable". That is very flawed thinking for a headmaster, but happy news for manipulating sex offenders.

It's like saying terrorists are going to get a bomb in the door no matter what because they are sneakier, more motivated and more prepared; therefore no amount of training and vigilance will deter them.

At least ongoing training, awareness seminars/ education combined with hyper vigilance and reporting would have a chance for success in preventing these crimes of opportunity in target rich environments. But the message has to come down from the mountain.

It is cringe-worthy that although Fr.Swann (from your quote) has an insular and superficial understanding of the nature of sexual predators' tactics, he lacks the will to fend them off- before harm is done. This is precisely the climate predators infiltrate and dupe their workplace colleagues into enabling them in their crimes.They are wolves in sheep's clothing stalking lambs while the shepherd sleeps.

You can continue to stand on your assertions, it's your right. But you're doing your beloved Fr.Swann and the school more harm than good. Your devotion is noted, and even admirable. Clearly you are standing on your principles and loyalty.

There are some principles, however, that trump loyalty to friends even if they are power brokers. The blindness that it can cause leads to the kind of negligence that did occur on someone's watch and real harm was done.

Whether negligence will be rewarded or punished in court remains to be seen. Whatever ESD leadership was doing to prevent the likelihood of a crime like this was clearly, and so far unrepentantly, not enough. Since Fr. Swann, with your blessing, is so confident and entrenched in an obsolete and dangerous paradigm that the safeguards relaxed,with regard to ongoing training, it's reasonable to presume the organizational culture was inadequately prepared from the top down to prevent the crime. Negligence.

You continue to beat the drum; the-girl- had -to -GO. And it always sounds like blame of a contaminating force. Is it possible you think this crime was an anomaly; an isolated, perfect storm in a highly principled, (albeit hapless) kingdom caused by two very "wicked" players?

CarolinaBorn @ August 29, 2011 at [10:52 am](#)

May I reply now to a question posed last Saturday? (Cause Irene came callin here). Former Student wonders how Jane Doe can object to being terminated from a school where she was so mistreated.

Here's why:

Suppose you've worked at the same job for 12 years. Your direct supervisor coerces/bullies you into having sex with him. He's a real charming guy, just adored by his female bosses. The "affair" comes to light.

The harasser's allowed to leave quietly. Your punishment begins.

Although you've got a good record, all of a sudden you're getting "demerits" from other bosses. One of them openly blames you for his leaving. They spread

falsehoods about you. You're roundly condemned when you try to tell your story.

In short order, you're fired. Some time after that, one of the firm's executives reaches out to the harasser, coaching him on how to hide the truth.... Should the firm not be held accountable because Well, gosh, it was getting pretty rough fer ya there? Should they now be allowed to say Well after all, she got another job....

It was the behavior of the adults at ESD – her bosses, if you will – that made life particularly hard for Jane then. Not just the molestation but what happened AFTER. The administrators sure showed Jane how they'll treat a teacher's victim! Now should their own bad acts towards the child then entitle them to throw her out — on the premise that she just “couldn't thrive” there?

Is that justice??

I cant guess how damages might be weighed. You never know with juries! It's true Jane didn't lie down and die – she got up and got herself into college. That's to HER enormous credit – but doesn't justify ESD's actions at all. If anything, the case calls for a strong message that adults in a school – –private or public — may NOT further victimize a molested child. And certainly not by creating a hostile environment — and then expelling her “for her own good.” (Lord, the hypocrisy there!)

But no matter what the jury decides, I think there's good here. Jane Doe stood up to some very powerful adults in a very prestigious community institution. She didn't let them stomp and silence her. She said It's not right what they did to me. She's “speaking truth to authority”, as Quakers say. And that takes guts!

The ESD administrators will continue to insist they did the right thing and would do it again – that's an obvious legal ploy. They'll say they didn't favor Campbell, weren't targeting the victim. But their machinations and deceit have now been exposed in court. Bad for them, good for truth.

Won't be so easy to run another victim out the door. And that's a victory.

Asking @ August 29, 2011 at [12:10 pm](#)

@Sodas: The frequency of your previous postings suggests that you are extremely invested in this case. You are certainly entitled to your opinions. I am asking though that you stop verbally bludgeoning people with personal attacks when their viewpoint does not align with yours. Manners dear Sodas, manners.

Claire St. Amant @ August 29, 2011 at [12:49 pm](#)

@Curious Alum, Come on down. George Allen Building, 600 Commerce Street, 5th Floor, County Court at Law No. 1

Observing @ August 29, 2011 at [1:00 pm](#)

How did Charla get the Campbell/Burrow tapes? Right — from Nathan Campbell himself. Why weren't they given to ESD? It's shocking to me that the Does and Nathan Campbell ARE NOW WORKING TOGETHER! Wouldn't everyone love to know what Campbell was given in exchange for those tapes? Promises that the Does would have faulty memories at his criminal trial? Loss of computers/phones/documents? This is sick.

Frank @ August 29, 2011 at [1:13 pm](#)

ESD stated they fall under the Episcopal church and therefore are protected by law. As the trial has panned out, we have been educated that anyone can use the word Episcopal; therefore not protected by certain laws. Ms. Aldous is only paid IF she wins. ESD and the jumping jack rabbits of attorneys are paid a hefty hourly sum. The only question is did ESD protect and act in the best interest of the child. Could they have foreseen this type of behavior and did they cause more harm by forcing Jane Doe II out of the school. Both sides have made good points. It is illegal in this state for a teacher to have any type of sexual relations with a student. Should the school been more deligent in looking at credit card statements and text messages? Yes. Would this of prevented a sexual assault on the child. Probably not. Did throwing the child out of the school cause harm? Yes, she was victimized a second time. But that is for the jury to decide. Hopefully ESD will look at the testimony of several of their employees and clean house. Either way, I see an appeal coming. ESD must have very deep pockets and a headmaster unwilling to admit a mistake.

really @ August 29, 2011 at [1:22 pm](#)

Observing: My bet is nothing has been promised or given. The Campbell has admitted to the affair and at this point the resolution of the criminal case is out of the Doe's hands. My thought is that he did it because he now understands what harm he has done to the Doe's. Maybe I am just being all pollyanna like, but this

is what I choose to believe is behind the sharing of the tapes.

Carolinaborn: your answer may be the best post I have read during the course of the entire trial. Very even handed and fair, no attacks on the Does or ESD, just the facts.

Interested Lawyer @ August 29, 2011 at [1:29 pm](#)

@observing. The Dallas Morning News reported a few weeks ago that there is a plea agreement already in place that is pending the District Attorney's final approval. The state has plenty of evidence to prosecute Mr. Campbell with or without the help of the Does. It is in the interest of the state to ensure that Mr. Campbell carries a sex offender label for the rest of his life.

Bulldogmom @ August 29, 2011 at [1:31 pm](#)

@Carolinaborn- Amen to that. Well said. There are none so blind as those that will not see.

really @ August 29, 2011 at [1:41 pm](#)

Mayo is by trade an English teacher. I find her defense that she could have worded the email differently a bit hard to swallow. As an English teacher, she is well aware of wordsmithing.

When this is over, I hope that Doe is able to move on and that ESD cleans itself up.

Observing @ August 29, 2011 at [2:02 pm](#)

@really and @Interested Lawyer, Do you think he gave the tapes to the Does out of the goodness of his heart or out of his guilt (but didn't feel obligated to extend the same courtesy to ESD)? If you're correct about their lack of motivation to help him in the criminal prosecution (and, by the way, you're not — a victim's statement can have a very strong influence on the sentence imposed in a settled criminal case); then can you believe that it is at least possible that the Does paid him for the tapes?

Interested DAD @ August 29, 2011 at [2:12 pm](#)

Carlonaborn- Amen!

I heard a Mother this morning say that "JDII knew what she was doing!" A few weeks ago another Mother of a daughter at the school say' "It happens at all schools!"

Kinda of funny thing about those remarks, both Mother's have daughters! My question to them was, Would you feel the same if it was your daughter?

Perfect Nancy @ August 29, 2011 at [2:19 pm](#)

Don't the other students and teachers have a right to move on? I thought the lawsuit was about what the school did wrong that would have prevented the "assault". What does having Jane leave the school have to do with lawsuit? Just wondering.

Also CarolinaBorn@, I think that Jane needed to leave the school. If she felt the school had wronged her why would she want to stay anyway? Also, what about the other students? Isn't what is best for them important too.

Sodas @ August 29, 2011 at [2:42 pm](#)

@asking, I appreciate your thought and will consider it; but you are obviously on the plaintiff's side. I have not seen you post any objections when the victim was called several nasty names and also, name calling by several other bloggers. Go back and read them, there are many. I am going to refrain from saying the names; but calling the victim a "troll" is very degrading. I will continue to blog because I feel there are people like you who only want to protect the "adult administrator's" at ESD. So let's be fair and call both sides on this if you are going to call one side. Please get all their names too because there are many.

Curious @ August 29, 2011 at [3:22 pm](#)

Can anyone give the names of the French teacher or the Math teacher?

Alum @ August 29, 2011 at [3:23 pm](#)

Although I am an ESD alumnus within the last 5 years, I really have no dog in this fight. Having said that, it is shocking to me how poorly ESD handled this whole affair. It is as though no one ever dreamed that this thing could have lead to a lawsuit of this type.

I will offer one more observation from my time at ESD; though I am happy with the education I received from certain teachers at ESD, most of whom have since retired, it always struck me that the administration has never been interested in education. It seems like, in the minds of certain administrators I knew in my time, the primary goal of a school was not educating the students, but employing the teachers.

Welcome to the Eagle Eye Show @ August 29, 2011 at [3:23 pm](#)

Well, Carolina, ESD is no Sidwell Friends, but they try.

Anywho...It's funny (not ha-ha, but the other one), that the ESD "family" has dropped "trollop" and "strumptet" universally from their comments. Now, the mantra is, "SHE LIED TOO!!"

Because they are self-proclaimed experts on parenting, I'm sure they would agree: teenagers lie. Teenage victims of sexual abuse might even be MORE prone to lying. Campbell had, in his grooming process (which "the ESD family" says they don't believe exists) told the victim that she would be the one to be hurt if the relationship was discovered. Kids lie to avoid "getting in trouble," and avoidance of humiliation and "to please." The latter is important here. Behavioral experts say that predators look for victims who are "pleasers." Of course, not at ESD. ESD likes it's sexual assault victims to be a little dirty and deserving... Right...I mean she asked for it, according to Nancy.

Eagle eye sure is quiet. Did someone tell y'all to STFU? If you were my client, I certainly would have, but that's just me.

Let's imagine an alternate scenario of this situation...obviously, Campbell and wife had issues, as evidenced by Mrs. Campbell's confidence in Tolly. Burrows, Mayo, and Spawnn learn of this ginormous issue and they: 1) fire Campbell, 2) call the police, 3)give Mrs. Campbell a paid leave of absence to deal with her SOB husband or begin collecting handguns, 4)see that the VICTIM has counseling and assistance, and 5) if possible, let the girl stay until the end of the year. Under my scenario? It was possible to let the victim finish out the year, IF (and in the ESD "family" that's a big if) the adults can act like adults.

Maybe that's just me.

Interested DAD @ August 29, 2011 at [3:42 pm](#)

Perfect Nancy- In response to your Bovine scatology. Don't current parents of student's at ESD and parent's considering sending their children to ESD have a right to know.

"I thought the lawsuit was about what the school did wrong that would have prevented the "assault". What does having Jane leave the school have to do with lawsuit? Just wondering, Nancy do you drink? Have you not read the last 15 days of this ESD admitted the tryst and it was wrong, it is about how it was handled. MAYO didn't allow the father to get his wife there so everyone involved could handle it the best for everyone. Mayo and admin cared about their image. Did you not read Carolinaborn and the issue of sex in the work place. Country Clubs are closed on Mondays, so I know you are not drinking there!

Interested DAD @ August 29, 2011 at [3:48 pm](#)

Someone needs to go online and look at the current ESD staff of teachers and administrators and print it off. My guess, most if not all of the people testifying will not be there next year. Some will be asked to leave, but others will choose to leave because what has occurred or what was asked of them during this trial!

Nancy @ August 29, 2011 at [3:50 pm](#)

Blaming ESD for someone calling Doe a trollop is just as silly as blaming them for what Camppbell did.

BTW, I never said Doe had it coming. I did wondered why she answered the door in a towel for her teacher though and still do.

Also think she has some bad parents and has some greedy attorney's that don't care at all what happens to her as long as they can make a buck.

Nancy @ August 29, 2011 at [4:01 pm](#)

Interested DAD. think I would have more respect for your opinions if you were not so insulting.

I read Carolinaborn@ and it didn't make sense to me. Doe wasn't an employee. She didn't lose a job. In fact she didn't lose anything but what Campbell took from her.

One would think her parents would want the guy dead but instead they are working with him to sue the school? Did you miss that part? Were you Drinking? LOL

Sodas @ August 29, 2011 at [4:03 pm](#)

@Nancy, you did state I was "lying" because I said I was in the court room and know "people". I don't mean to sound stupid but a person can do both, Since, I am over the age of 75, I am able to know a lot of people.

@Asking, I hope you are monitoring Perfect Nancy's comments or @Nancy, as she was called before. Like I said in the previous posts, Nancy and several others have called people and the victim names when they did not like others opinions. "Manner, please, manners." Have a nice day

In the past student @ August 29, 2011 at [4:12 pm](#)

@Alum I couldn't agree more but would disagree on the "employing teachers" part. The administration has always been concerned with raising and making money period. Anyone in the way of that gets fired or goes away. There has been a rotating door for the upperschool head since I started and left.

I know we all know of countless times where sexually inappropriate behavior allegedly or did take place and was either ignored or handled in an unacceptable manner. This is just karma now and it is unfortunate the school will be dragged through the mud because of it (settlement???). At ESD I learned many things including that you are accountable for your own actions. Seems like the administration missed that lesson.

Disgusted @ August 29, 2011 at [4:12 pm](#)

There is a reason why our judicial system has juries actually in the courtroom evaluating witnesses and hearing evidence firsthand. Unless you were there when the events of this lawsuit took place, or have been in the courtroom hearing the evidence, you have no business making judgments about what did or did not happen on either the Does' side or ESD's side. The jurors are able to see a witness & judge his credibility through his demeanor in a way that a written report cannot. No matter how neutral a reporter is, his or her report is just that - a report from one person's point of view. God forbid that our judicial system would be run by reporters and bloggers!

People, stop the name calling and the mud slinging, and let this case play out the way our judicial system allows. No one benefits from the gossip.

No Dog in this Fight @ August 29, 2011 at [4:22 pm](#)

Dear Eagle-eyed,

In the last thread, you admitted that ESD made a few mistakes (and you enumerated them.) Thank you. Though, IMO, your list was not nearly long enough, I do appreciate that you at least bestowed some faults to ESD. I think what amazes and befuddles and angers all of us non-ESD supporters, is that those who do support ESD think that ESD is totally blameless. So maybe you can begin to see that this is not an unwarranted law suit??

Asking @ August 29, 2011 at [4:22 pm](#)

@Sodas: LOL -

Honestly, your response "I will continue to blog because I feel there are people like you who only want to protect the "adult administrator's" at ESD..." is exactly the type of personal attack that I am trying to get you to limit.

You don't know me and or if I even have a "side" in this. My only question was regarding the motivation for Campbell to share tapes with the Does which I found to be curious. Actually, "really" had a good possible motivation for that today.

I am merely asking you to mind your manners to keep this blog civil.

trial watcher 2 @ August 29, 2011 at [4:22 pm](#)

I am curious. Do parents at Hockaday or any of the other private schools think this situation would have been handled the same way there? I am very interested b/c I am an ESD parent. I have been thinking all private schools are infected with hubris, group think, and nepotism. So, I just accept it.....like you take the good with the bad. thanks.

Nancy @ August 29, 2011 at [4:35 pm](#)

For the record Sodas@ I asked you how you knew what was going on in the courtroom and asked how is it you seemed to know what the plaintiffs were thinking and going to do before we read it here and you said "people talk" but that is not how you know is it Sodas@. You are in the courtroom.

Just a 75 year old guy wondering through courtrooms, eh?

Excuse me? @ August 29, 2011 at [4:46 pm](#)

Nancy, you did refer to the victim as a trollop, and further said, she was "16 going on 23." I wish for you and eagle eye, eagle parent, Mayo, Burrow, Salz, the Campbells, and Swann the EXACT consideration and treatment in life you afforded a child victim of what is legally defined as rape.

SoapOperaFan @ August 29, 2011 at [4:48 pm](#)

It's not surprising that students, former students, former teachers, parents, etc. are blogging in favor of ESD and refusing the Koolaid of a vast administrative conspiracy...especially since there are still witnesses to be called. They are supporting their school.

What is surprising, and quite interesting, are the ESD bashers writing frequent(legal)brief sized responses blogger to blogger, point by point. It does seem excessive.

You don't have a dog in this fight. If you're not working with the plaintiff attorneys, what's driving you?

Jealousy?

marie anderson @ August 29, 2011 at [4:56 pm](#)

REALLY: I find it "a bit hard to swallow" that you expect an English teacher to always use perfect language and choose every word with care. So by this reasoning, a math teacher or accountant should never have an error in his checkbook, a plumber should never have leaky faucet, and a lawyer should always use reasoned analysis. Erin Mayo is human, as we all are, and as such, none of us can be 100 percent perfect or right in every instance.

OBSERVING: I share your questions and have a few more: Why did Charla not disclose the content of these tapes during discovery? Why wait until the middle of the trial in open court? Why did Judge Benson not rule on the admissibility and authenticity of these tapes before trial began? I guess following the Rules of Procedure doesn't make for the same kind of fireworks in the courtroom....

Question @ August 29, 2011 at [5:31 pm](#)

Can someone with a legal background please explain:

- (a) why this case was not settled after the attached motion was filed?
- (b) how and why Burrow and/or ESD didn't think the audio tapes would be presented in to the record by the plaintiffs?
- (c) how Aldous will attempt to connect the dots from the top down to Burrow?
- (d) why ESD felt the need to sent out a panicked press release Friday afternoon?

Nancy @ August 29, 2011 at [5:34 pm](#)

Excuse me?@ Never did refer to Doe as a trollop. Also never said she was "16 going on 23." Since all the posts are still here it would be pretty easy to check. Why don't you?

Sodas @ August 29, 2011 at [5:37 pm](#)

@asking, I will continue to voice my opinion the way I do. Like I said there have been several rude bloggers on the other side. @Nancy for one, just like @excuse me stated above. I do not value your opinion of me because it is one sided. There are others who have used far worse language. Maybe, you don't like my opinion because it shows the truth. I suggest if you don't like my "manners"don't bother reading blogs.

@perfect Nancy, your true colors of a judgmental, hurtful person were shown earlier on. What @interested dad and @excuse me said about you earlier is true, now you try to act like you really didn't say it that way and didn't use those words. Your children should be ashamed on the name calling. I am sure @asking will be reprimanding you since he or she is not bias.

I'm just say'n @ August 29, 2011 at [5:45 pm](#)

What a brave young lady! Her parents have plenty to be proud of. Their parenting has been questioned but obviously they have raised a very strong child. She is standing up to a school that social status has proven to be more important than academics or actually more important than anything.

Maybe they should take notes and get a backbone as strong as Jane Doe and save this wonderful school from the social groups that are running the show. My prayers are with the Doe family that they can get their lives back to a "new normal". I hope they keep their heads up high, they have set a great example for all of us—they are standing up together as a family for what is right—regardless of what people think of their family. You see, I believe if they didn't sue the school they would be saying to their daughter that she "doesn't matter, isn't important enough." I'm speaking from experience, the family must do this to heal and so she can get her much deserved self worth back. It's not about the money, but about showing their daughter that she doesn't have to be a victim any longer.

And no, I don't know the family. I wish I did. So I could tell them in person how brave they all are and what a great thing they are doing for their child. We all have moments in parenting that maybe we faltered. What really matters is they are doing what's best for their daughter now. They didn't do the easy thing. That's what ESD wanted them to do—just go away.

Come on ESD board—I do know several of you. Those I do know, have daughters yourselves. Please step up and show your girls that you would protect them if they were victimized. They are watching! Your actions will speak louder than words.

It's too bad the school didn't do the same. Come on ESD! You still have time to show some character and admit you handled this in the worst possible way.

07DAD @ August 29, 2011 at [6:04 pm](#)

[Q]I am curious. Do parents at Hockaday or any of the other private schools think this situation would have been handled the same way there? I am very interested b/c I am an ESD parent. I have been thinking all private schools are infected with hubris, group think, and nepotism. [/Q]

St Marks dad here. Can the teacher? No doubt. Can the kid? Harder to answer/predict. I recall that one young female teacher got eased out due to parental complaints that she was too close to a couple of boys. I don't recall the boys getting the heave-ho.

HockadayDad @ August 29, 2011 at [6:10 pm](#)

Trial watcher 2, my daughter was a Hockaday "lifer" and, in my opinion, the two schools are an apples and oranges comparison. I did, however, find Hockaday's administration at every level to be exceptionally professional and caring. I can't conceive that a situation like Jane Doe II's would have been handled similarly. The reasons are manifold, and one can never really be certain, but I don't believe for one second that the Hockaday administration would have ever expelled a young woman for being the victim of a sexual crime (albeit statutory) perpetrated by a member of its faculty. Keep in mind, it's a much different environment and not by any means perfect. At Hockaday you also pay your tuition and accept the good with bad.

Uppercase Matt @ August 29, 2011 at [6:14 pm](#)

@Sodas, I think you're confusing Nancy's comments with those of "holland."

Richard Smith @ August 29, 2011 at [6:18 pm](#)

I have been watching this trial and I have to say that ESD has behaved like a bunch of thugs. What a disgusting school. They should be ashamed of themselves. Kudos to Charla Aldous, Cyndy Goosen, and Brent Walker for pursuing a righteous case. The insurance company that failed to settle this case for ESD should be shot. That's just typical — delay and deny claims. It looks like Ms. Aldous is going to make another corporation and defense lawyer, Chrysta Casteneda and their lawyers at Locke Lorde that know a lot more about billing the file, then trying lawsuits—really, really famous and in the worst way. Justice is coming for Jane Doe.

Nancy @ August 29, 2011 at [6:26 pm](#)

Gee sodas@ you are calling me judgmental? You are the one that claims to know what is in other people's heads. LOL.

And BTW, I already set the record straight about what I said. Why keep lying about it. Go check. You don't have anything better to do than wonder in courtrooms all day. Right?

Bulldogmom @ August 29, 2011 at [6:36 pm](#)

@soapoperafan- One doesn't have to have a dog in the race @ ESD or work w/ plaintiff's attorneys to be outraged at injustice directed towards a child rape victim in a school environment, simply a mother.

Interested DAD @ August 29, 2011 at [6:47 pm](#)

Perfect Nancy says, "I read Carolinaborn@ and it didn't make sense to me. Doe wasn't an employee. She didn't lose a job. In fact she didn't lose anything but what Campbell took from her."

Perfect Nancy, I apologize, you obviously don't drink, Your family tree just doesn't fork! No offense to CarolinaBorn, but it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out CarolinaBurn's analogy. Spell CAT Nancy, I'll spot you the "C" and the "T"

Nancy's, Are you so tied to this school that you can't see the forest for the tree's? Judgmental? No, just stating the obvious. That image thing can be quite difficult to maintain, especially when it is house of cards!

Curious, PERFECT NANCY and NANCY, are you one in the same? Didn't know if your real name might be SYBIL?

ESD former family @ August 29, 2011 at [6:49 pm](#)

@07DAD-from my previous post, I do think some of the other private schools would have handled it better. The fact that this was a "church based" school, was supposed to offer some assurance that issues would be handled in a compassionate and even minded way. Unfortunately, the current culture doesn't prove this out.

CarolinaBorn @ August 29, 2011 at [7:06 pm](#)

Nancy you say Jane "didn't lose anything" when they expelled her????

I guess I shouldn't be stunned by that claim ... but I honestly am.

A child is booted from her school community — which for most students, is their social center, their athletic venue, their learning lab — their WORLD. This child was already wounded — so booting her from her lifelong community was doubly devastating.

We're supposed to believe none of that mattered. She's just a kid, after all, she can go find some other life, right?

Yet somehow this same child presented such a terrible threat to the whole ESD community that she had to be neutralized. Removed at once! Cause she wouldn't be damaged by expulsion-after-molestation — yet all the rest of the students would certainly be harmed by her presence.....

Wow.

WOW.

Avid Reader @ August 29, 2011 at [7:12 pm](#)

It's WANDER not WONDER. If I was 75 and had nothing better to do, or even if I just had nothing better to do besides work...I would absolutely go wander into to this circus of a trial.

Excuse me? @ August 29, 2011 at [7:17 pm](#)

Dear eagle eye,

Father Swann called, he's worried about you. What's the matter? Cat got your tongue? (Or is it Lisa?)

Love,

Excuse me?

newtoallofthis @ August 29, 2011 at [7:33 pm](#)

I am currently a student at Jane Doe II's college and just found way of this blog from gossip around Campus (who is anyone to think a 10 million dollar sex

scandal is not going to follow this girl, especially when people from her hometown attend her same university). Before meeting JDII definitely thought this was a black and white case and she was a complete victim... But after interacting with her, I definitely see why she puts such a sour taste in people's mouth and why she's not very liked by the people who come from Dallas (ESD and other schools in the area), I am not a fan to say the least and wouldn't hold any of these allegations past her. I think she as a person has a lot to do with the amount of hostility from those against her. While many of you could say it shouldn't matter, sadly I feel like it does. If it were other people there would not be rounding the wagons mentality from the school and her classmates. While I could care less how this trial ends up, I am just saying its one thing to comment on a situation without any first-hand knowledge and no connections to the people involved. Just my two cents my experience. Not saying she was asking for anything or deserved anything.

newtoallofthis @ August 29, 2011 at [7:48 pm](#)

I will comment that its sad that her parents chose to put her through this. Because while she could be getting counseling and get past this bad time in her life. She's being tagged as sex scandal girl and her personality that seems to alienate people doesn't help her trudge on and get past all of this. I do feel bad for her.

Sodas @ August 29, 2011 at [7:54 pm](#)

@Avid reader, thanks. Actually, I am 76. I worked until I was 72. I grew up on Dallas and have a granddaughter the same age as Jane Doe was when she was molested. I do know a lot of ESD grandparents who are ashamed about these ESD parents who are treating this girl so unfairly. I just would hope that there would be people looking out for my granddaughter if this happened to her. Yes, Nancy in my previous blog I said over 75 . Now I am stating my real age just incase you are confused. I don't mean to be rude but you get confused. I am female too and did work with my husband in the legal field too. I do though apologize for confusing your remarks with @holland.

Party Planner @ August 29, 2011 at [8:04 pm](#)

Clare after this is all said and done, can we have a party to see if the bloggers can guess who is who?

HMills @ August 29, 2011 at [8:06 pm](#)

"Not saying she was asking for anything or deserved anything."

Except you sort of are.

If you are a student at her college, shame on you. If you're going to malign someone, at least have the honesty to say specifically what she has done to you that inspires hostility. That would be unfair, you say? Then don't post at all. Because how she behaves on her college campus truly is irrelevant to the duty the school owed her, both to protect her in the first place and to mitigate the harm caused by a crime committed by one of their teachers. Not to mention her behavior now could very well have been effected by the crime that was committed against her, her defacto expulsion from the only school she had ever attended, and having to finish high school at a different school.

If you are not a current classmate, as I rather suspect, double shame on you.

Setting aside for a moment whether the school could have done more to prevent the predation, I still don't understand why the administration just didn't sit down with her family and have an honest discussion in which the parents were given all the facts before JDII was expelled. If the situation was so cut and dried as many of you maintain, how hard would it have been to convince the parents? Why couldn't they extend the family event that small courtesy and comfort?

Bulldogmom @ August 29, 2011 at [8:09 pm](#)

Nancy. Schadenfreude is so unbecoming in a lady.

Excuse me? @ August 29, 2011 at [8:18 pm](#)

I'm so glad newtoallofthis "suddenly" decided to weigh in

Ahem. Could ya be any more obvious?

eagle-eyed @ August 29, 2011 at [8:41 pm](#)

Don't worry, folks! Eagle-eyed has been busy today, but comments are coming as soon as I can organize my thoughts! Stay tuned!

exhausted @ August 29, 2011 at [8:47 pm](#)

Nancy-PERFECT Nancy we have all heard you for the past few weeks. You are not well. please stop posting. Something is wrong with you.

Nancy @ August 29, 2011 at [8:54 pm](#)

Thanks for the spell check Avid Reader@ but if you think sodas@ is just wandering around the court house I think you are not as smart as you think you are. LOL.
I don't buy it.

interested in esd @ August 29, 2011 at [8:58 pm](#)

Doesn't ESD's board understand this whole sordid affair is being played out and discussed among college admissions personnel all over the country. This is, without question, the biggest independent school scandal in this generation.
All things being equal, do you think a college takes an esd applicant over an ursuline/EHS/greenhill kid? Never again.
That is, unless ESD does the right thing. Settling the case will not put the genie back in the bottle. Excising the cancer that is the current administration is the only way to resuscitate this program.

Nancy @ August 29, 2011 at [9:00 pm](#)

Carolinaborn@ you seem more upset with the school for asking Doe to leave than at the Campbell? wow wow wow.

Id @ August 29, 2011 at [9:11 pm](#)

For all of you gentle contributors. just a kind reminder..When you use an "if" statement, the correct usage is "if I WERE king" and not "if I was king." If i were ESD or If I were Jane's parents, i would settle this case immediately.
If I were in charge of this blog, I might consider shutting down the comments because of the vitriol being spewed.

Nancy @ August 29, 2011 at [9:16 pm](#)

Sodas@ thanks for the apology but I don't believe a word you say. I have caught you in too many lies and don't believe your latest lies either. Try again.
What were you doing at the court house?

You are not fooling anyone but yourself. LOL

Donatella @ August 29, 2011 at [9:38 pm](#)

As a lifelong Episcopalian and a product of Episcopal schools (not in Dallas) I was disheartened to hear ESD administrators distance the school from the church. All 3 of my children were accepted for high school at ESD but they each chose other private schools. Reading the testimony of the school officials validates the decisions that we made.

@trialwatcher2-In total I was a parent at 5 different private schools (not as bad as it sounds-there was a move involved) including a stint as a board member at one Dallas private school. I did see situations where I did not think that the administrators put the children first but this case goes way beyond anything that I ever heard about. I still don't understand why ESD did not settle this early. Now I think that Fr Swann should retire and help the school move past this.

Peter @ August 29, 2011 at [9:39 pm](#)

Claire-I don't understand why you allow comments such as those of Interested Dad. They add nothing to this exchange and I find the personal assaults reprehensible. I think this may be my last day to read your blog as I feel like I'm in the middle of a fight between a bunch of 5 year olds. As you said once before, keep it classy Dallas.

Greed @ August 29, 2011 at [9:50 pm](#)

The comment that commended Aldous and Walker? Give me a break! Plaintiff lawyers are all about money money money. The family is greedy and the lawyers are greedy. Why isn't Campbell being sued? Answer - he has no money. Follow the money and you'll find plaintiffs attorneys.

ESD is innocent @ August 29, 2011 at [9:50 pm](#)

ESD did the right thing by expelling her. End of Story.

Greed @ August 29, 2011 at [9:53 pm](#)

@ Richard Smith Give me a break! Plaintiff lawyers are all about money money money. The family is greedy and the lawyers are greedy. Why isn't Campbell being sued? Answer - he has no money. Follow the money and you'll find plaintiffs attorneys.

@newtoallofthis @ August 29, 2011 at [10:03 pm](#)

I call BS on your post, as it is exceedingly unlikely that a student in a university on the other side of America would know someone well enough that she'd share her real name with you and point you to a local newspaper blog where you feel compelled to point out negatives of her personality. School started a few weeks ago.

It's sad that people like you exist. Your type, both ESD parents and students alike, ensure that the reputation of the school is hitting rock bottom.

Do you think posts like yours - anonymous and implausible negatives - will impress anyone or change anyone's opinion?

Ask yourself why you felt compelled to write those words. Better yet, seek psychological help.

No Greed - liability @ August 29, 2011 at [10:03 pm](#)

ESD is being sued because it let a molester run rampant through its halls. Period.

@newtoallofthis @ August 29, 2011 at [10:06 pm](#)

Actually, today would have been the third day of school at "your" university. Your post is complete BS.

Really, get some help.

eagle-eyed @ August 29, 2011 at [10:18 pm](#)

As promised, here's my latest take on the case.

@Bulldogmom:

1. I fully support training and awareness of sexual abuse. I do think, however, that an individual like Campbell determined to instigate an inappropriate relationship will not be stopped by training or the rules set out in his employment contract. If you ask Father Swann, I'm sure he'll agree.
2. I will respond to your assertion that negligent behavior took place when you can provide some clear examples.
3. I have repeatedly stated that her separation was not a sign of blame, so I don't know why you and others continue to bring that up.

@CarolinaBorn:

Your workplace analogy is charming, but school and work are too different to be so simplistically compared, and your story line is a bit flawed.

I also take issue with your statement that the behavior of ESD adults made life for Jane Doe II hard after Campbell left. It was her own actions that caused the problems, to the contrary.

@really: I see you've gotten away with being "all Pollyanna like" while my positive outlook is usually met with harassment. Interesting.

@Welcome:

"Under my scenario? It was possible to let the victim finish out the year, IF (and in the ESD "family" that's a big if) the adults can act like adults."

I'm glad that you too can claim that your scenario would work. Try this: Give me some reason WHY it would work.

@Interested DAD: Your insults to Nancy are rude and don't reflect well on you. Please don't criticize the integrity and character of others (Nancy, ESD, anybody) so viciously unless you want to jeopardize your own.

I see that you have apologized. Thanks.

@Disgusted: Good observation about our judicial system.

@No Dog: The reason I think the suit is unwarranted is because the reasons I enumerated on the last post have no bearing on the alleged transgressions by the school.

@Excuse me?: I have given Jane Doe the utmost consideration. While I bear in mind that she, like all other humans, is not perfect, I have said more than once that I feel very sorry for the abuse she suffered via Campbell and pray for her family regularly.

By the way, your wish for me and others to receive little consideration in our lives is ironically hypocritical for someone who claims that ESD was "un-Christian." Judge not lest you be judged.

And really, do you really think that Sara Campbell deserves such pitiful treatment?

CarolinaBorn @ August 29, 2011 at [10:18 pm](#)

NewToAllThis you're an example of why it takes such courage for the victims of abuse to ever speak up. It subjects them to personal attack — as your post plainly demonstrates. She may indeed be i.d.'d as the sex abuse girl. So... she should go away and hide in shame?

Seems like ESD felt the same. Abusers can always count on that type of thinking.

Maybe Jane doesn't have all the social skills you perhaps consider she should. People can develop those, you know. Teenagers mature at different times and different levels. I have some friends who are charming as spring now — but you never would've believed it 20 years ago! It's a learned skill, to some extent.

And please don't confuse social skills/maturity with integrity. Don't you know that by now? Look at the ESD admins. Popular? Yes. Adroit? Sure. Honest? Not-so-much....

As for your claim that she's not supported by other ESD students — (well, not openly anyway) — please consider that current students and their parents may simply be too intimidated to speak up now. They can surely guess what would happen to them! But I'm happy to see that some recent grads — who can't be booted! — are telling what they know.

I hope we can assign the apparent mean-spiritedness of your attack to your youth. Otherwise, you can join Mayo and co for a nice dish of milk while spreading dirt about Jane. But be sure to say it was all well-intentioned!

Jane's still young. She's suffered some serious trauma. Give her a break. And hope you get one when you need it.

Old @ August 29, 2011 at [10:20 pm](#)

I've been following from afar, a mother of teenage girls. First, I truly believe that the school my girls attend would have handled this differently, for which I am grateful with every day of testimony and posting — surely no one believes that this is a paradigm? Second, I am old enough to know some people are more "likable" than others, but there's always someone who should be able to be the adult in a situation. Whatever may have happened, JDII should have been far down on the list of available adults here

Nancy @ August 29, 2011 at [10:35 pm](#)

Sorry exhausted@ I am not going anywhere. You plaintiff attorneys have been outed. Insult all you want. We all know who you are now and what you want. I am going to be one of the people that stands up to your greed. Live with it.

newtoallofthis @ August 29, 2011 at [10:36 pm](#)

geez, how did I know I was going to get attacked? Luckily I have nothing better to do tonight so I will respond to your post. Well if you know so much about my university, you would know that I have actually been at school for 2 weeks now, we have a little thing called orientation period, it must have spilled your memory, I am sure.... and no one said I was a freshman either so yes I do have friends that would tell me these types of things seeing as we live right next to

each other and they tell me how big this deal as become and tell me how one-sided this blog, case, and comments on this blog can be. I was just telling of my experience, no need for the insults and attacks. I said before, I have no bone in this fight, I just wanted to state that maybe how people felt about this girl before this incident is what drives these negative comments against her.... Please spew your hate at people who are deeply rooted in this... and can I say is you are pretty combative, I hope that takes you somewhere one day.

CarolinaBorn @ August 29, 2011 at [10:42 pm](#)

Awww for shame Nancy. I never suggested Campbell didnt harm Jane. You know that.

'Course Campbell's admitted what he did. The EDS admins just keep shuckin aand jivin....

Anyway, I'm pretty sure this trial's about ESD.

Nancy @ August 29, 2011 at [10:45 pm](#)

eagle-eye@, I am one of your fans. Looking forward to your posts!

EagleParent @ August 29, 2011 at [10:52 pm](#)

I am done reading or contributing to this blog. Sodas and excuse me? Need to go get a life! Why not go back to the basics- what the Does ate suing ESD for? Nothing else matters. I wish Jane Doe 2 well at her new university but fear that if she didn't finish therapy she will not heal and be in the same situation soon. She really has an abrasive personality and this trial

Is not helping her at all. At ESD she asked for anonymity- how then could her experience be a learning lesson for the other students? Continue to bash ESD and each other- I'm done! But I'll see you in the courtroom sitting on the defense side.

Mrsz1ppy @ August 29, 2011 at [11:07 pm](#)

WOW. Wow. Wow.

It is getting ugly now.

I still don't understand how ejecting JDII was good for the other 1000 students as ESD. Learning how to handle a situation like she was in-that could happen to any of us, or one that we love-would have been good for the other 1000 students at ESD, now THAT would have been a "teaching moment." Teaching that children aren't thrown away if they aren't 'perfect,' by Authority's definition of perfect- that is priceless.

And why ESD will pay a price, in lucre, for not repecting their students over their employees. Just my humble opinion.

Nancy @ August 29, 2011 at [11:13 pm](#)

CarolinaBorn@, Who is drinking the koolaid now? Doe has enough guts to spill all now for 10 million dollars but she didn't have the guts to be truthful to her parents or the police? Yeah right.

Interested DAD @ August 29, 2011 at [11:33 pm](#)

A few quotes to start

"ON MY HONOR I WILL DO MY BEST TO TREAT OTHERS AS I WOULD WANT TO BE TREATED. THIS MEANS I WILL NOT LIE, CHEAT, STEAL, OR TREAT PEOPLE OR PROPERTY WITH DISRESPECT, REMEMBERING THAT RESPECT FOR OTHERS GOES HAND IN HAND WITH RESPECT FOR SELF" The Honor code at ESD

Eagle Eyed States

I also take issue with your statement that the behavior of ESD adults made life for Jane Doe II hard after Campbell left. It was her own actions that caused the problems, to the contrary.

and

@Interested DAD: Your insults to Nancy are rude and don't reflect well on you. Please don't criticize the integrity and character of others (Nancy, ESD, anybody) so viciously unless you want to jeopardize your own.

I see that you have apologized. Thanks.

my favorite

A shill, plant or stooge is a person who helps a person or organization without disclosing that he or she has a close relationship with that person or organization. Shill typically refers to someone who purposely gives onlookers the impression that he or she is an enthusiastic independent customer of a seller (or marketer of ideas) that he or she is secretly working for. The person or group that hires the shill is using crowd psychology, to encourage other onlookers or audience members to purchase the goods or services (or accept the ideas being marketed).

EAGLE EYED–REALLY STINGS when someone else throws it back in “ya’ll” face.

Her actions caused the problems, why not say the Jews in Europe caused their problems not Hitler. I worry about you, my apology was back handed at Perfect Nancy and you cannot read that.

I have no dog in this fight, don’t have a child at ESD, but i know what bullying and railroading is, and based upon your comment, “her actions caused the problem” i am sadly coming to the realizations that you aren’t worth dealing with or caring what you say anymore because my characterization of you and your band of renowns is pitty. How a person or a group of people can get so caught up in “the Image” and forget basic human dignity towards a child frankly slays me. You don’t want me or others to take personal attack on you , or Nancy or others, but “her actions caused the problems”, you are a shill and frankly I could say more, but Clare would have to delete most of it. What part of the power structure are you? Is it self proclaimed, appointed, anointed or what, you sick explanation of a human, to say a teenage girl’s actions caused the problems. Get over yourself and whatever you are defending, because your quote “her actions caused the problems”, doesn’t bode well for the future of ESD in the terms of Public Opinion

Longines @ August 29, 2011 at [11:43 pm](#)

What I don’t understand about this is why is there no talk or proof of trauma during the seven months they were together, even after the fact? Like I would think that her grades would be slipping, she would be noticeable distraught or shaken, sadden or moody, or even more combative/defensive or some type of indicator that she was being continually “raped” by a 30 something year old man. It baffles me that there were no signs in the girl herself noticed by her parents or her peers. Like it is one thing if ESD hired the most nonchalant teachers possible, who could careless, she was not at school 24 hours a day, how did not one person notice something, what about her friends, people on her athletic team, youth group just SOMEONE? We hear about therapy and being distraught only after she is kicked out of ESD. That makes me believe shes not as innocent as she is portrayed and it was consensual. I am not bashing either side, I am just genuinely curious. You can not tell me that sexual abuse victims have no signs and symptoms. I just don’t understand how this can happen and no one know. Feel free to respond.

Sodas @ August 29, 2011 at [11:51 pm](#)

@Nancy, I agree with exhausted comment about you. I don’t care whether you believe me. You are obviously one of the defenses attorneys blogging. Keep lying. You must be one of the defense attorneys; because you don’t make sense half the time, and you are always confused over the things that are just about using common sense. Quit lying and admit you are a defense attorney just “wondering” the court room.

CarolinaBorn @ August 30, 2011 at [12:27 am](#)

I’m wondering.... Why all the accusations of some secret dark agenda if anyone suggests ESD is — or should be — accountable? Like BulldogMom said, some of us are just sincerely appalled by the actions there. Dont have to have “a dog in the fight” to want justice for this child.

And why these shrieks for shutting down the coverage and the comments too? Sunshine’s the best disinfectant, is it not?

Now Eagle Eyed says “I have repeatedly stated that the separation was not a sign of blame so I dont know why (other posters) continue to bring it up”

Well, alrighty then! If you SAY separation wasnt a sign of blame, that must be so. Never mind that the admins HAVE TESTIFIED Jane was somehow poisoning their school environment .

Or that you then say in your next sentence that it was “her own actions” that “caused problems” there.

Nope. No signs of blame at all.

You’re right about one thing though. A student isn’t quite the same as an employee. They’re generally more vulnerable. But the analogy is unfortunately valid. ESD created a hostile environment. I would say sending nasty notes about her sister was fairly hostile, wouldnt you? How bout the teacher BLAMING her for Cambell’s leaving?

But she didnt leave. So they threw her out the door. BLAMED it on her too (she was talking too much, we didnt like what she was saying, or whatever else Mayo came up with.)

Dang those pesky facts.

Mother of Alum @ August 30, 2011 at [12:50 am](#)

After the trial is over and the dust has settled from either an award to the family, a long appeals process or a victory for ESD, there will still be the matter of severe damage to the school's reputation. Will ESD alums feel pride or will they feel a sense of shame over the way their former school chose to handle itself in the Jane Doell litigation? Will the ESD graduates be proud to be associated with an administration who forgets and/or lies under oath? As a parent of two St. Michael graduates, one of whom continued on to graduate from ESD, I have spent a total of 20 tuition-paying years with ESD. And right now I'm not feeling so great about this "investment". Will an ESD graduate be viewed in the same light in the Dallas community as either a St. Marks or Hockaday graduate? It wasn't too many years back when ESD was a 2nd or 3rd tier private school, a "safety" for children from St. Michaels and Lamplighter. ESD has made huge reputational strides in the past 10 years, and I am very concerned that the aging and seemingly disconnected leadership of the school has destroyed these gains in quick-time. The ESD Board of Directors need to pull on their big-boy pants and make some hard decisions. The school needs to replace Rev. Swan as Headmaster and Ms. Mayo as head of the Upper School. If they're really lucky, maybe they can find a headmistress/headmaster in the model of Liza Lee, formerly of Hockaday, who was above reproach morally, ran an academically excellent school and still performed that all important task of development. This trial has illuminated many of the flaws that some of us "old-timers" were beginning to see at ESD and I'm just so very sorry that it's taken a tragic situation to possibly force the much needed change.

Nancy @ August 30, 2011 at [1:02 am](#)

Thanks eagle-eyed@ I needed that, great post! Love your point #2.

Plaintiffs have not proved a thing and if attorneys for them made a deal where they only get paid if they win something as I heard someone post here then you can imagine why they are so upset tonight. Their case is all but over and they have not proven a thing. No wonder they keep crying for a settlement on this blog.

What's up @ August 30, 2011 at [1:55 am](#)

@newtoallofthis you obviously do not go to university with her because school has not been in session that long. Keep lying, keep dying

@Sodas @ August 30, 2011 at [2:35 am](#)

Does your mature age give you the right to be rude and berate others when their opinions differ from yours? Evidently you feel so or is it simply you believe you are entitled to spout your opinions which are ALL one sided in favor of the Does & their ambulance chasing attorneys (=\$\$\$) but anyone that dares make a comment in favor of ESD and you are extremely rude, almost obnoxious! BTW - I would hope that my granddaughter would make better choices and if or when she did not, she would at least accept some responsibility for using very poor judgement and lying instead of playing 'little miss innocent'!

@Sodas @ August 30, 2011 at [2:53 am](#)

Sodas @ August 24, 2011 at 10:00 pm

The reason some of us are "confused" about your age might be because of your comment on the 8/24 Update:

"@Interested Dad you made a great point. I have two teenagers and have found that most the time they do not tell you where they are or what they are really doing. They are drinking or maybe not always in the presence of people you like." Guess you have 'teenagers' and a granddaughter very close in age?

@CarolinaBorn @ August 30, 2011 at [3:11 am](#)

And what can we "assign the apparent mean-spiritedness of your attack" on newtoallofthis and others whose comments might differ from yours??

@HMills @ August 30, 2011 at [3:23 am](#)

"Setting aside for a moment whether the school could have done more to prevent the predation, I still don't understand why the administration just didn't sit

down with her family and have an honest discussion in which the parents were given all the facts before JDII was expelled." They did try to have a discussion with BOTH parents but JD1 was too busy packing for a trip to attend the meeting with JD. (JD1 testified in court to that.) The meeting might have gone differently had JD1 been present as JD seemed a bit in la-la land during the meeting based on some of his comments in his deposition and his court testimony.

07DAD @ August 30, 2011 at [5:54 am](#)

regarding how other Dallas private schools would handle the situation.

I went back and read an old copy of the Lion Tracks. There are at least three sections in that which seem to provide contractually for expelling a St Marks student who was having sex with a St Marks teacher. There is even a section about the school's expectations of the parents that might provide grounds.

Would they expel a 16 year old for not reporting the first event, continuing the activity and then lying about it? Would they view the repeditive and after school nature of the situation as indicating a serious parental supervision problem as well? I am not sure.

I think that if the situation was known to other students, a school might view having sex with your teacher as opening a question of academic integrity. In that light, the school might want to reinforce the very, very important requirement that no student use anything other than personal academic ability and achievement in a situation where grading is involved.

jimmy @ August 30, 2011 at [6:28 am](#)

For those of you wondering why Nathan Campbell would give the tapes to Jane Doe'for civil team, consider this from his side. His criminal lawyers are trying to craft a defense. And based on the tapes, it likely could be something along the lines of ESD condoned his behavior and gave the false impression that what he was doing was ok. He doesn't care suddenly about helping the victim. He's trying to find ways of helping his own case. These tapes do that. The criminal case could prove to be even wilder and more damaging to ESD.

