

## **Joe Paterno and Michigan Supreme Court Justices The Consequences of Moral Failure**

Similar moral and ethical failures perpetuated by Joe Paterno, and Michigan Supreme Court Justices have caused others to suffer.

Joe Paterno won more Division I college football games than any other college football coach. He was one of the greatest college football coaches of all times. He appeared to be on a pedestal that put him beyond reproach. Joe Paterno ignored proper moral obligations and loyalty when sexual abuse of a child by one of his assistant coaches came to his attention. The consequences to Joe Paterno were enormous and devastating. He was abruptly fired. The pedestal was quickly and publicly pulled from under him. He will forever be remembered for the scandal that he could have prevented. He has rightfully taken a hard tumble for not taking the right road. Joe Paterno and others' inactions caused succeeding children be to sexually abused by the same pedophile. The toll may never be known.

The lack of proper moral and legal action by Michigan Supreme Court Justices permit errant attorneys to victimize many people each year. These scoundrels breach the very fine ethical standards that the Justices have established, but will not enforce. The Supreme Court's ethical standards state that an attorney must be loyal to his client. The Justices and their appointed guardians of the Michigan legal system are not loyal to the citizens of Michigan. Their loyalty is to their fellow attorneys. Joe Paterno and other Penn State officials took the same wrong path when it came to loyalty and the moral obligations entrusted to them. The Justices of the Michigan Supreme court are even worse because they will not legally carry out the duties that the Michigan Constitution delegates to them.

The trustees of Penn State quickly and abruptly fired coach Joe Paterno, the athletic directory, and the university's president when they learned of the moral breaches. These long standing institutions at Penn State had to quickly go. Urgent and drastic changes were properly made for the greater good of the Penn State community.

The Citizens of Michigan are its trustees. The Justices of the Michigan Supreme Court cannot be abruptly fired, but Michigan's trustees can take decisive action by changing Michigan's Constitution. The Michigan Constitution should no longer grant the Justices of the Michigan Supreme Court the responsibility to police the Michigan legal system. The practice of the legal system policing itself through the state Supreme Court as in Michigan, and every other the state must be changed. This scandalous situation due to our state constitution has existed long enough.

I have proposed the *Golden Legal Oversight Amendment*, a Michigan constitutional amendment that will create an independently elected board to police the Michigan legal system instead of the Michigan Supreme Court.

The trustees of Penn State took decisive action in dismissing long entrenched individuals and institutions who did not uphold proper moral and ethical standards. It is time for the trustees of Michigan to dismiss our Justices and the institutions we have allowed to police our legal system. The Michigan Supreme Court conducts a sham as the protector of our legal system. They never have and never will protect the integrity of the legal system. They are the fox guarding the hen house. Joe Paterno's lack of moral obligation resulted in the pedophile abusing more helpless young boys. I beg the Trustees of Michigan to act now to protect us from errant attorneys who have little to fear from the Michigan Supreme Court.

The fastest way that the ***Golden Legal Oversight Amendment*** can be enacted is through legislative action to place it on the ballot. An example of how quickly an amendment can be placed in the Michigan Constitution is the recent amendment to prohibit convicted felons from holding public office in Michigan. The dysfunctional Michigan legislature quickly drafted and placed the amendment on the ballot in response to the shenanigans of Kwame Kilpatrick.

I am running for the Michigan Senate in 2014 in order for the ***Golden Legal Oversight Amendment*** to be part of our Michigan Constitution.

Thank you.

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There is an old saying that all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing. The saying should be amended to good men doing the minimum the regulations require. (by Dale McFeatters, *Paterno should've known that minimum isn't enough*, The Detroit News, 11/17/2011, Page 1, Section 3B,

Joe Paterno told reporters in a statement: *"This is a tragedy. It is one of the great sorrows of my life. With the benefit of hindsight, I wish I had done more"*. So do we all, Coach. (Dale McFeatters)

What will you say when you are a victim of the legal system? *I wish I would have supported Dr. Ted Golden and the ***Golden Legal Oversight Amendment***.*

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