

Walker v. Colbert

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In the case of Walker vs. Colbert, the Texas A&M Judicial Court finds the defendant, Marcella Colbert, innocent of all charges filed against her. The court finds that Ms. Colbert was justified in her actions and performed with the utmost integrity in her campaign on all charges. Based upon the evidence presented in the hearing, there was no violation of the Texas A&M Honor Code.

Regarding the Congressional money raised through Meyers & Associates for Texas A&M, Ms. Colbert did not violate the Honor Code. However, the Texas A&M Judicial Court finds that her claims were inappropriate after being told to cease using a dollar value after March 28. It was recommended to Ms. Colbert that she cease using the dollar values in speeches, *yet* it was not dictated specifically that Ms. Colbert must cease use of a dollar value in her campaign. A public statement clarifying Ms. Colbert's position with Meyers & Associates is recommended.

In addition, there was no evidence of conspiracy by Ms. Colbert to spy on other campaigns, therefore on the charges of spying, the court finds Ms. Colbert innocent.

On the charge that Ms. Colbert actively tried to solicit members of other campaigns, we find the defendant innocent. We feel that David O'Connell was not pressured by Ms. Colbert to join her campaign.

In regards to campaigning in the classroom, there was not sufficient evidence to convict Ms. Colbert on the charge of violation of the Honor Code. We support the Election Commissioner's ruling regarding the fines levied in regards to campaigning in the classroom.

Of charges regarding SMYRT, the court finds Ms. Colbert innocent of all charges. There was no intent to deceive the student body, in regards to her position on the SMYRT team.

The lack of substantial evidence indicates that there was no significant ground for any accusations. Therefore, the Judicial Court unanimously finds Ms. Colbert innocent.

Rebekah Kratochvil, Chief Justice
Morgan Streckfuss, Justice
Michael Bartle, Justice
Sean Wainerdi, Justice

Russell Walther, Justice
Amber Simek, Justice
Caitlin Cashion, Justice
Jim Reed, Justice
Jimmy Gatica, Justice