

PRESS RELEASE

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Today, Colin Shillinglaw, Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations at Baylor for Art Briles, has filed a lawsuit in Dallas, Texas state court against Baylor officials, members of the Baylor Board of Regents, and Pepper Hamilton, LLP. Gaines West, Shillinglaw's attorney, said his client's suit was filed because of statements made during and after recent investigations of Baylor University completed in 2016. West said his client is seeking damages as a result of libel, slander, and tortious interference with his client's existing contract.

Shillinglaw was first terminated then suspended in May 2016. West said the action taken against his client was because of statements made by Baylor officials to Pepper Hamilton, LLP, the firm that conducted an external review of Baylor University's response to Title IX compliance issues, and statements made by Pepper Hamilton lawyers and investigators to the Baylor Board of Regents. West said Shillinglaw also seeks to recover damages because of statements made by four Regents at Baylor University: James Cary Gray, Ronald D. Murff, David H. Harper, and Dr. Dennis R. Wiles.

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