

Judge Makes Decision on Gateway Church and Robert Morris' Motion to Dismiss Lawsuit

Robert Morris and Gateway Church have been denied their request to throw out Cindy Clemishire's defamation lawsuit.

According to ChurchLeaders, the case presented by Clemishire, who is seeking \$1 million for the alleged falsified statements against her by the church, will proceed.

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The Fort Worth Star-Telegram noted that the attorneys for Gateway Church wanted to use the "ecclesiastical abstention doctrine," which would have kept the case out of the secular courts because the matter was inherently religious.

The Dallas County judge also denied the request to "dismiss the lawsuit from church elders Tra Willbanks, Kenneth Fambro, Gayland Lawshe and Dane Minor," as the Telegram noted.

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Cindy Clemishire's attorney, Alex Yaffe stated, "We are grateful the judge followed the law and wasn't distracted by false narratives peddled by the will press forward and conduct

the discovery the judge has ordered and remain confident in our case.”

The trial for this defamation case is scheduled for the summer of 2026.

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As Charisma reported last month, Robert Morris has been sentenced to six months in jail for the alleged sexual assault against Cindy Clemishire that started when she was only 12-years-old.

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