

Robert Morris and Gateway Church Take Legal Action to Block Cindy Clemishire Lawsuit

Robert Morris and Gateway Church are seeking a legal route to dismiss a defamation lawsuit filed against them by Cindy Clemishire.

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In a report by the Christian Post, it was noted that Clemishire, 55, along with her father Jerry Lee Clemishire, filed a suit for over \$1 million in damages, alleging that “Morris and Gateway Church leaders publicly mischaracterized the abuse she suffered as a consensual ‘relationship’ with a ‘young lady’ instead of the sexual assault of a child.”

As the Post further noted, the suit by the Clemishires claim that the board of elders at Gateway along with Morris made comments that were “knowingly false” in order to minimize the case.

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Clemishire and her father are seeking for the court to rule in their favor under the Level 3 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. Gateway Church then attempted to invoke the

ecclesiastical abstention doctrine, meaning that a secular court could not rule in the matter of a religious case. This would also apply to any church leaders who discussed the matter internally.

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Morris was sentenced to six months in prison earlier this month for his actions against Clemishire. During this time, pray for all the families involved in this case and for the members of Gateway Church.

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