

In light of the ongoing legal proceedings, it would be inappropriate to comment publicly on specific issues referenced in the Freeh Report. However, Cynthia A. Baldwin, as the Vice President and General Counsel of the Pennsylvania State University, along with the University's Office of General Counsel, cooperated fully with the Special Investigative Counsel led by Judge Freeh.

You should be aware that much of the information in the Freeh Report is factually inaccurate as it relates to Ms. Baldwin, and no one should draw conclusions until all the facts are known. As Judge Freeh made clear in his Report, no one, not even his client, the University, had an advance copy of the Report so that inaccuracies could be corrected. Ms. Baldwin was never given the opportunity to review the content of the interviews that she provided to Judge Freeh's agents so that any mistakes in note-taking or understanding could be corrected.

My client Cynthia Baldwin, as the General Counsel of the University, has chosen to maintain confidentiality and to uphold her ethical obligations to her client, the University, and to her profession, and no one should use her silence to speculate and make statements that serve to ruin her long and stellar legal reputation as a practicing lawyer, an academic, a Common Pleas Court Judge, a Supreme Court Justice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and as General Counsel for The Pennsylvania State University. Those who know Cynthia Baldwin know the stories that have been written about her thus far are inaccurate.

Cynthia Baldwin at all times fulfilled her obligations to the University and its agents. Penn State's website should serve as guidance as to the proper role of Penn State's General Counsel. It states as follows: "The Office of General Counsel provides legal advice and representation to the Board of Trustees, the President and other administrators in their capacity as agents conducting university business. The attorneys in the office do not provide legal services to faculty, staff or students in their personal matters." Cynthia Baldwin's actions were consistent with this policy.

The Attorney General asked Cynthia Baldwin, as General Counsel, to accept subpoenas for the President and other administrators at the University, who were agents of the University. She at all times served the interests of her client, the University, and its agents.

Contrary to the representations made in the Freeh Report, Cynthia Baldwin hired a team of criminal and civil experts when it was appropriate to do so.

Cynthia Baldwin knows the importance of due process and how legal issues need to play out in courts of law and not in the media. As a result, it is not her intent to publicly address facts and legal issues that are properly before the courts. Ms. Baldwin will address the inaccuracies in the Freeh Report with the University and in legal proceedings, not with the media.