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Posted by g-gollin - 2012/09/04 22:00

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Re:Belford loses class action suit in US federal district court

Posted by vicky - 2012/09/07 12:30

Hi George,

Thanks much for the updated news on Belford High School and their standing in the lawsuit.
Your site -- referenced in your posting -- is one of the great, trusted sites on degree mill and diploma mill legal actions and lawsuits.

Thanks for all your work in this area over the years.

Hope you'll keep our readers posted on the news and your insights.

All the best
Vicky Phillips

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Posted by g-gollin - 2012/09/07 13:07

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Re:Belford loses class action suit in US federal district court

Posted by VickyPhillips - 2012/09/09 11:35

Thanks George ...

For those affected by the Belford diploma mill and degree mill lawsuit there is a good summary of the judgement and findings in the Michigan court system fining Belford over $22 million dollars for selling "fake" high school diplomas, college degrees, and GED services from Belford.

Below are some summary quotes from the press coverage:

"The business of “life experience degrees” took a blow when Pakistani businessman Salem Kureshi and his companies Belford High School and Belford University lost a $22.7 million federal class-action lawsuit earlier this year, but experts say the judgment will have only a small effect on what is a billion-dollar, international Internet scheme.

"The lawsuit, which was originally brought against belfordhighschool dot com by Flint native Carrie McCluskey, alleged that Belford High School takes students’ money by offering them an accredited high school diploma, but that Belford High School is not accredited by legitimate accreditation agencies and that the diplomas are not valid."

The Michigan court also ordered Belford High School to cease operation and transfer all six domain names that sell fakes degrees and life experience degrees -- belfordhighschool.com, belfordhighschool.org, belfordhighschool.net, belforduniversity.org, belforduniversity.net, and belfordhighschoolscam.com -- to the court.

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Re:Belford loses class action suit in US federal district court

Posted by rogerh - 2013/01/30 14:57

Dear Dr. Golin,

Salem Kureshi's Organization for Global Learning Education still operates at least 20 known diploma mills. Belford University and Belford HS have now updated their websites to new urls. Currently functionality of the transactions are currently disabled to purchase credentials, but who knows whether that will change in the near future. Still all the diploma mills below are operational.

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Cambell State University
Corllins University
Grendal University
Headway University
Hill University
Lorenz University
Northern Port University
Mc Ford University
Panworld University
Rochville University, Rochville High School
Ray University
Walford University
Western Advanced Central University
Western Valley Central University
Wilson State University
Woodfield University, Woodfield High School

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Re:Belford loses class action suit in US federal district court

Posted by VickyPhillips - 2013/01/30 16:13

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Hi Roger,

Hope George will pick up and reply to your notes.

You are correct: just because a degree mill operation loses a lawsuit does NOT mean they cease operations or that they pay the damages either.

What almost all do is change their names slightly, open up under a new URL, mail documents from some new foreign country that has lax mail fraud rules, and so on. Degree mills are a very easy -- and highly lucrative -- scam. Foreign laws and regulations make them easy scams to re-create and almost impossible to close forever.The best thing we can all do is help the public get educated about degree mills.

Most of the schools below have records in our Diploma Mill Police database to help consumers follow the chain of name changes.

You can help us stop degree mills if you have a blog or social media account, just link up here as a Diploma Mill Police affiliate:

GO: http://www.geteducated.com/diploma-mill-police/stop-diploma-mills

Thanks for posting!

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