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**OUAA BREAKING NEWS!!! Oakwood University is suing OUAA!**

In an unfortunate turn of events, Oakwood University Board of Trustees (BOTs) has decided to take legal action against the Oakwood University Alumni Association (OUAA). OUAA has on numerous occasions since Alumni Weekend, requested meeting opportunities to avoid embarrassing public relations and costly legal wars. It should be noted; One would conclude Oakwood University has spent enormous amounts of money in legal fees since February 2018. Someone needs to ask the questions, “How much?” and “When will enough be enough?” This extraordinary and unnecessary amount of legal billable hours is apparent as one reads the 42-page Injunction and the 183-page Complaint (see document on OUAA website). These excessive and unnecessary legal expenditures are poor stewardship by any measure, especially when a series of conversations and a Memorandum of Understanding could have resolved all of the issues. Just think about how these thousands of dollars could have been better served for recruitment and strategies to increase enrollment; not to mention, scholarships for students, and salaries for faculty and staff.

Please be assured that OUAA is alive and well, and we have not nor will we ever retreat from our mission to ensure the success of OU students by providing scholarships. Please continue to hold the OU Administration, BOTs, and your conference presidents accountable for their support of these costly and humiliating legal and public relation gestures. Finally, please pray that God will touch the hearts of the OU Administration and BOT so that we can come to the table before more valuable resources and student financial support is squandered. We look forward to seeing you at Alumni Weekend.

**Oakwood University Alumni Association Board of Directors**

To review documents go to OUAA Website: [www.oakwoodalumni.org](http://www.oakwoodalumni.org)



