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# SPEECH FIRST

## Bring Sanity back to Stanford Law: Fire DEI Dean Steinbach!

[Washington, D.C. \(March 14, 2023\)](#) – Today, Speech First launched a [petition](#) demanding that Stanford University fire Tirien Steinbach, for her role in seemingly leading the mob that intimidated and silenced a sitting judge. The Executive Director of Speech First Cherise Trump put out a statement condemning a recent protest at Stanford University. The shameful incident occurred when a mob, egged on by administrators, shouted down Fifth Circuit Judge Kyle Duncan’s speech to the university.

[Cherise Trump](#), Executive Director of Speech First, issued the following statement:

“There’s something seriously wrong at Stanford. A once great institution, the university has become a shadow of its former self. While Stanford claims to stand for free expression, they have consistently undermined any supposed principle of free speech on campus. For years now the university has enacted speech codes, canceled speakers, discriminated against viewpoints of clubs and denied them funding, solicited anonymous reports on students for their speech, and used harassment policies to target student speech that is considered “offensive”. This is not a campus that stands for free expression.

Throwing Stanford’s free speech policies to the side, Judge Duncan’s remarks to the university were hijacked by agitators emboldened by college administrators. Tirien Steinbach, the school’s diversity dean, who appeared to have plotted with the disrupters to give a speech against Judge Duncan during the shout-down, claimed Judge Duncan “disenfranchises” students with his judicial opinions.

Stanford University sent a letter of “apology” to Judge Duncan, but notice how no actual accountability measures were mentioned. There was no mention of removing Dean Steinbach from her position, nor was there mention of consequences for the campus groups, the National Lawyers Guild and the Stanford OutLaw groups, who appeared to have plotted with the dean to shout-down the event.

If there is one thing that is abundantly clear about Stanford University, it’s that they have a very skewed understanding of what ‘free expression’ actually means and they impart this skewed understanding onto their students. Stanford suffers from institutional rot that starts with its administrators; personnel is policy. And if Stanford Law School has any intention of rising back to a level of prestige, the first step is to fire Dean Steinbach. That’s why we’ve [launched a petition](#) demanding that Stanford University FIRE Tirien for seemingly leading a mob of Leftists to intimidate and silence a sitting judge.”

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