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Former Distinguished Georgia Tech Professor Sues Georgia Tech Administrators for Malicious Prosecution

On Monday, October 1, Dr. Joy Laskar, a former tenured distinguished professor at Georgia Tech, filed suit in US District Court for the Northern District of Georgia against Phillip W. Hurd; Patrick A. Jenkins; Jilda D. Garton; and Mark G. Allen for malicious prosecution in a 2010 case against Dr. Laskar for theft and racketeering. The defendants are all sued in their personal and individual capacities. The legal claim is brought for malicious prosecution pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 1983, the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and Georgia principles of law relating to malicious prosecution. The defendants are current or former administrators at Georgia Tech.

All criminal charges against Dr. Laskar were dismissed in 2016.

Dr. Laskar alleges, "The investigation undertaken by the Defendants, the suspension without pay, and the termination of Dr. Laskar's tenured faculty position, followed by his arrest and the ensuing criminal prosecution, severely damaged Dr. Laskar and his family. The defendants reported false and misleading information to law enforcement about his activities and failed to investigate and report other pertinent and available information that would have demonstrated the lack of probable cause underpinning the claims asserted against him."

Dr. Laskar was the Schlumberger Chair of Microelectronics at the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Georgia Tech and is the holder of over 50 patents. He currently serves as co-founder, CTO and SVP at Maja Systems, a fabless semiconductor company that builds gigabit wireless connectivity and sensor products in Milpitas, CA.

Dr. Laskar is represented by Michael Alan Dailey, Anderson Dailey, LLP.

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