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Dear Vicky,

It has come to my attention that your partner, Karl Rishe, worked as a vice president for student affairs at Alma College. Given that his tenure overlapped with Andrew Pomerville's, it seems likely that he and Andrew knew each other and were perhaps even close colleagues at Alma. I presume that it was through Andrew's previous relationship with Karl that you were retained by LPTS as the Title IX informal process facilitator.

I must admit this discovery is disheartening. At a minimum, it is inappropriate that a respondent in a Title IX case would have any role in suggesting, making contact with, or securing a facilitator. It is even more troubling that a party in the mediation might have previous connection to or relationship with the facilitator. When I asked how you were retained by the seminary as a facilitator, none of this information was disclosed.

I understand that in our professional lives we use existing relationships and networks to do our work. But in the case of a Title IX process, where attention to issues of power, trust, and transparency are paramount, this discovery has damaged my belief that this mediation can be unbiased and neutral. Simply put, I have lost trust in the integrity of this resolution process.

I respectfully request a written explanation detailing how you came to be retained by LPTS, as well as any previous connections you or your firm has had with Dr. Pomerville, and after which I will determine whether or not to continue with the informal resolution process.

Sincerely,
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