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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF OREGON
EUGENE DIVISION

DOMINIC ARTIS and DAMYEAN
DOTSON,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON; SANDY
WEINTRAUB; CHICORA MARTIN;
ROBIN HOLMES; and MICHAEL R.
GOTTFREDSON,

Defendants.

Case No. _____

DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF
ACTION UNDER 28 USC §§ 1331, 1332,
1441, AND 1446
(FEDERAL QUESTION AND DIVERSITY)

(Lane County Circuit Court
Case No.16CV08200)

TO: THE CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON, EUGENE DIVISION

In accordance with 28 USC §§ 1331, 1332, 1441, and 1446, defendant University of Oregon (the "University") and individual defendants Sandy Weintraub, Chicora Martin, Robin Holmes, and Michael R. Gottfredson (collectively, "Individual Defendants" and together with the University, "Defendants"), by and through their counsel, hereby give notice of removal of the action entitled *Dominic Artis and Damyean Dotson v. University of Oregon, et al.*, Case No. 16CV08200, pending in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Lane, to the United States District Court for the District of Oregon, Eugene Division. All Defendants join in this removal.

BASIS FOR REMOVAL

1. On or about March 15, 2016, Plaintiffs filed a complaint in which they asserted one claim against all Defendants under 20 USC § 1681, two claims against the Individual Defendants under 42 USC § 1983, three Oregon common-law claims against all Defendants, and one Oregon common-law claim against the University.

3. On April 4, 2016, Plaintiffs served the summons and complaint on the University, which also accepted service of summons and complaint on behalf of the Individual Defendants. Copies of all process, pleadings, and orders served on Defendants are attached to this notice as Exhibit 1. Defendants have taken no action in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Lane that would prejudice their right to removal.

4. In accordance with 28 USC § 1446, this Notice of Removal is timely filed within 30 days after service of the initial pleadings on Defendants.

5. This action is one over which this court has original jurisdiction under 28 USC § 1331 because this court has federal question jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' claims under 20 USC § 1681 and 42 USC § 1983. Thus, this action is removable under 28 USC § 1441. Plaintiffs' other claims are so related to the claim within this court's original jurisdiction that they form part of the same case or controversy and this court may exercise supplemental jurisdiction over the other claims in accordance with 28 USC § 1367.

6. This court also has original jurisdiction over all of Plaintiffs' claims in this action under 28 USC § 1332. Complete diversity exists between the parties: Plaintiffs are citizens of Texas; the University and Individual Defendants Weintraub and Holmes are citizens of Oregon; and Individual Defendants Martin and Gottfredson are citizens of California. Plaintiffs' complaint alleges damages that exceed the \$75,000 jurisdictional amount. Thus, this action is removable under 28 USC § 1441.

7. This action may be removed by Defendants to this court under the provisions of 28 USC § 1441, according to the procedure in 28 USC § 1446. All Defendants join this removal.

8. Promptly after filing this Notice of Removal, Defendants will serve a copy upon Plaintiffs and will file a copy with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Lane County, Oregon.

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WHEREFORE, Defendants remove the above-entitled action now pending in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Lane, to the United States District Court for the District of Oregon.

DATED this 14th day of April, 2016.

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I hereby certify that I served the foregoing Defendants' Notice of Removal of Action Under 28 USC §§ 1331, 1332, 1441, and 1446 (Federal Question and Diversity) on:

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by the following indicated method or methods on the date set forth below:

- CM/ECF system transmission.**
- E-mail.** (Courtesy copy.)
- Facsimile communication device.**
- First-class mail, postage prepaid.**
- Hand-delivery.**
- Overnight courier, delivery prepaid.**

DATED this 14th day of April, 2016.

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*Of Attorneys for Defendants University of
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Robin Holmes, and Michael R. Gottfredson*