

Starr leaves Baylor Law; cuts final tie to university

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WACO—Ken Starr, who lost the presidency of Baylor University due to a sexual assault scandal, is stepping down from his post as a professor at the Baylor Law School. The move severs Starr's third and final tie to Baylor.

In late May, the Baylor board of regents cited a "fundamental failure" to handle sexual violence complaints appropriately as reason to remove Starr as president, fire Head Football Coach Art Briles and sanction Athletic Director Ian McCaw.

At that time, the regents reported Starr agreed in principle to remain as Baylor's chancellor and also stay on as the Louise L. Morrison Chair of Constitutional Law at the Baylor Law School.

McCaw resigned a few days later. On June 1, Starr told ESPN he stepped down as chancellor "as a matter of conscience." Briles and the university mutually agreed to terminate their employment relationship June 24. But Starr remained slated to stay on the Law School faculty as the fall semester approached.

That situation changed Aug. 19, when the university released a statement announcing Starr's departure.

"Effective today, Judge Ken Starr will be leaving his faculty status and tenure at Baylor University's Law School," the news release said.

The 96-word statement described mutually positive feelings between Baylor and Starr, who oversaw a rise in the university's national status as well as campus expansion during his tenure as president. He also enjoyed the

Baylor football team's unprecedented national rankings until the sexual assault scandal—which involved some football players—brought his tenure to a rapid conclusion.

"The mutually agreed separation comes with the greatest respect and love Judge Starr has for Baylor and with Baylor's recognition and appreciation for Judge Starr's many contributions to Baylor," the Baylor announcement said.

"Baylor wishes Judge Ken Starr well in his future endeavors. Judge Starr expresses his thanks to the Baylor family for the opportunity to serve as president and chancellor and is grateful for his time with the exceptional students of Baylor University who will lead and serve around the world."

David Garland, professor and former dean of Baylor's George W. Truett Theological Seminary, is serving as the university's interim president. His primary focus is on implementing the 105 recommendations presented by the Pepper Hamilton law firm, which Baylor hired to investigate the sexual assault scandal.

He is guiding the work of two teams created to follow up on the Pepper Hamilton recommendations. Gregory Jones, executive vice president and provost, leads the task force on spiritual life and character formation. Reagan Ramsower, senior vice president for operations and chief financial officer, heads the sexual assault task force.

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