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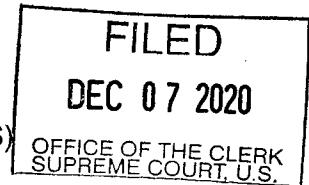
IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

ORIGINAL

Michael Edwards PETITIONER  
(Your Name)

vs.

Indiana University RESPONDENT(S)



ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO

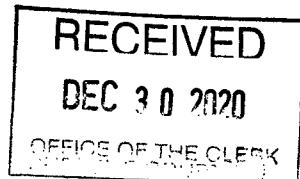
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit Chicago  
(NAME OF COURT THAT LAST RULED ON MERITS OF YOUR CASE)  
Illinois 60604  
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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(Your Name)

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## **QUESTION(S) PRESENTED**

**Was my 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment United States Constitutional Rights violated when I was fired by Indiana University?**

## LIST OF PARTIES

All parties appear in the caption of the case on the cover page.

All parties **do not** appear in the caption of the case on the cover page. A list of all parties to the proceeding in the court whose judgment is the subject of this petition is as follows:

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Petitioner respectfully prays that a writ of certiorari issue to review the judgment below.

**OPINIONS BELOW**

For cases from **federal courts**:

The opinion of the United States court of appeals appears at Appendix \_\_\_\_\_ to the petition and is

reported at \_\_\_\_\_; or,  
 has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,  
 is unpublished.

The opinion of the United States district court appears at Appendix \_\_\_\_\_ to the petition and is

reported at \_\_\_\_\_; or,  
 has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,  
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For cases from **state courts**:

The opinion of the highest state court to review the merits appears at Appendix ~~A~~ to the petition and is

reported at \_\_\_\_\_; or,  
 has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,  
 is unpublished.

The opinion of the State Court court appears at Appendix B to the petition and is

reported at \_\_\_\_\_; or,  
 has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,

## JURISDICTION

For cases from **federal courts**:

The date on which the United States Court of Appeals decided my case was \_\_\_\_\_.

No petition for rehearing was timely filed in my case.

A timely petition for rehearing was denied by the United States Court of Appeals on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_, and a copy of the order denying rehearing appears at Appendix \_\_\_\_\_.

An extension of time to file the petition for a writ of certiorari was granted to and including \_\_\_\_\_ (date) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) in Application No. \_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_.  
  
The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U. S. C. § 1254(1).

For cases from **state courts**:

The date on which the highest state court decided my case was 10/1/20.  
A copy of that decision appears at Appendix 4.

A timely petition for rehearing was thereafter denied on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_, and a copy of the order denying rehearing appears at Appendix \_\_\_\_\_.

An extension of time to file the petition for a writ of certiorari was granted to and including \_\_\_\_\_ (date) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) in Application No. \_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_.  
  
The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U. S. C. § 1257(a).

## CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS INVOLVED

The 14th Amendment, section one  
(of the United States Constitution)  
"All person born or naturalized in  
the United States and subject to the  
jurisdiction thereof, are citizens  
of the United States and of the state  
wherein they reside. No state  
shall make or enforce any law  
which shall abridge the privileges  
or immunities of the citizens of  
the United States, nor shall any state  
deprive any person of life, liberty  
or property, without due process of  
law, nor deny to any person within  
its jurisdiction the equal protection  
of the law."

### **Statement of the Case**

To: United States Supreme Court

From: Michael Edwards – Prior Case NO. 1:19-cv 1000-JMS-MJD/NO. 20-1866

Date: 12/1/20

Re: Statement of the Case

On December 7<sup>th</sup> 2017, the last week before final exam, I received an email from IU administration stating that I am not to return to the classroom for the remaining semester. Two weeks later, I was told that a female student accused me of sexual misconduct. I was not given the students name and I asked to be confronted by the student, provide witnesses on my behalf and if IU is going to fire me for a legitimate reason, I want a fair hearing. I got a lawyer from the beginning to represent me. There was no police report or charges filed by the student. The school held a mock hearing with two school administrators and myself. My lawyer listened by phone. The student was not present, I had no witnesses on my behalf and it was not a fair hearing (lack of due process). At that point, I knew my rights were violated.

I was found guilty in April 2018. I appealed the decision on several school levels and was found guilty on all levels. I never met my accusers, I was not allowed to bring forth my witnesses to testify on my behalf and I never had a fair hearing (lack of due process). The experience was a direct violation of my 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment Constitutional Rights. The final appeal was with IU board of Faculty Review. I was found guilty (lack of due process) and was officially fired June 30<sup>th</sup> 2018. I had a lawyer to represent me during the entire school hearing and not once was I told by my lawyer that my constitutional rights were violated.

After I was officially fired, I filed a complaint with EEOC in Indianapolis Indiana in September 2018. EEOC investigated and gave me the right to sue in December 2018. I had 90 days to file a suit. I met with my lawyer to file the lawsuit and was told that the Law firm will no longer represent me. I decided to represent myself without a lawyer and filed a lawsuit as Pro Se in March 2019. In December 2019, there was a deposition hearing with IU Lawyer and a court administrator in the Lawyer's office. After the deposition hearing, IU lawyer motioned the court for a Summary Judgement of the case. The Court of Indiana granted the Summary Judgement and I was found guilty without meeting my accusers, was not allowed to provide witnesses on my behalf and I did not get a fair hearing (lack of due process). That is a violation of my 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment constitutional rights. I filed an appeal in February 2020 and it was granted. My case was reviewed in the appeal Court of Indiana and I was found guilty without facing my accusers, not having witnesses on my behalf or having a fair hearing (lack of due process). I appealed the decision of the Indiana State Court by filing an appeal with the US Court of Appeal for the Seventh Circuit Chicago Illinois in June 2020. I was found guilty with that appeal. Once again, I was found guilty without meeting my accusers, was not allowed to provide witnesses on my behalf and I did not get a fair hearing (lack of due process).

This is a career I invested money in and gave my life's energy to. A career ended with false accusation and unfair treatment at Indiana University. I went to the courts seeking justice for unfair treatment with no mention of what rights were violated. Well, I am suing Indiana University for violating my 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights in the United States Constitution when I was fired.

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### Reason for Granting the Petition

I Michael Edwards hereby petition the Supreme Court to grant the review of my case on Writ of Certiorari.

This case is of national importance because Indiana University (IU), a major educational institution, has violated my 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment Constitutional rights when I was fired.

During my tenure at IU, I never felt welcomed but I was there to do a job. I did it well and never got recognized for it. Recognition was never important to me but how I was treated was important to me. When I filed my lawsuit, I was focusing on how I was treated rather than what constitutional law was violated with the unfair treatments I experienced. I knew what laws were broken and did not mention them because I was hoping to have a hearing and the court would draw that conclusion. With the evidence I provided the court, I thought I would get a fair hearing with trial by jury, present my witnesses and meet my accusers (due process). Basically, a trial which the United State Court of Appeal for the Seventh Circuit, Chicago Illinois could have granted but it did not. Here I am being deprived of due process at Indiana university as well as in the State Courts of Indiana and Illinois. My 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment constitutional rights were violated when IU fired me and the lower courts were in error to support the violation of those Amendment Rights in the US Constitution.

Discrimination is hard to prove and a person must be able to prove which constitutional law was violated when that person experienced discrimination.

While I was a Professor at IU, I saw several African American male Professors during my 15 year tenure. They would come and go without noticed. I would wonder why they left. When I was fired without a just cause, I left IU campus and no one knew why I left.

This case is of national importance because without the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the United States Constitution, individual right would be trampled on and this would be a country where citizens have no rights.

It is for those reason why this case is of national importance and why the Supreme Court should grant my case Writs of Certiorari.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Edwards".

## **CONCLUSION**

The petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Edward

Date: 12/7/20