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AUSTIN LAWYER NOT PERSON NAMED IN FEDERAL CIVIL CASE

AUSTIN, TX, August 6, 2008 -- Austin construction lawyer Matt Ryan confirmed today that he is not the person named in a new Connecticut federal court filing against a UT undergraduate student who allegedly posted anonymous online sexual slurs and anti-Semitic comments about two female students at Yale Law School.

“My name is not spelled the same way, and the lawyer for the two women has issued a press release stating that I am not the person who is the subject of their lawsuit,” said Matthew C. Ryan, a 40-year-old partner in the downtown Austin firm of Allensworth and Porter, L.L.P.

Matt Ryan’s day turned rough this morning when he was contacted by an Associated Press reporter from Connecticut, asking if he were the Mathew C. Ryan named in an amended petition filed in the civil lawsuit in New England.

While anonymous, the offending messages were eventually tracked to the 20-something student at UT, according to plaintiff’s attorney Mark Lemley, who apologized to his fellow attorney in Austin for the confusion.

Matthew (spelled with two “t’s”) Ryan, a former federal law clerk, is a graduate of The University of Vermont and the University of Texas School of Law, where he currently is an adjunct professor in construction law.

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