

Conservative Leaders Call out State Sen. Bob Deuell, Say Legal Documents Prove His Deception

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May 14, 2014 – Republican State Sen. Bob Deuell has stepped up his increasingly personal attacks on runoff challenger Bob Hall. Since 2003, Deuell has represented Senate District Two, which includes the counties of Delta, Hopkins, Hunt, Rockwall, Kaufman, Fannin, Rains, Van Zandt and part of Dallas County.

Given the serious nature of Deuell's allegations that his opponent is a tax cheat and guilty of spousal abuse, conservative grassroots leaders Ken Emanuelson and JoAnn Fleming investigated the charges. Grassroots America's Executive Director JoAnn Fleming said, “We have reviewed the evidence – court and IRS documents – and can confidently report that **Sen. Deuell is being shamefully deceitful** in his communications with his constituents and **has certainly misled the media.**”

Dallas TEA Party co-founder and attorney Ken Emanuelson added, “The primary results clearly show incumbent Bob Deuell has a very big problem in this race. He knows full well **he can't run for reelection on his voting record in Austin**. If voters pay attention to Bob Deuell's **failing grades from conservative groups**,¹ his support for death panels,² his support for in-state tuition for illegal aliens,³ scores of new taxes,⁴ contraceptives for children without parental consent⁵ and free needles for drug users,⁶ the voters of Senate District 2 are very likely to throw him out. He knows this and is pulling out all the stops to distract voters from the issues by dumping all the mud he can on surging challenger Bob Hall.”

Finding #1: Court Documents Prove Florida Family Court Completely Exonerated Bob Hall

Deuell *claims* the record shows that Bob Hall is guilty of spousal abuse. Deuell bases this allegation on a single document filed by Bob Hall's ex-wife in the course of a heated legal dispute. Deuell was almost certainly in possession of the full file on Bob Hall's litigation in Florida, but **it appears that he sent only the “complaint” portion of the file to the media**. It is also the only portion of the file Deuell mentions in his direct mail attacks on Hall.

¹ See, e.g., www.SenatorDeuell.com.

² The Association of American Physicians & Surgeons (AAPS) and Texas Right-to-Life labeled Senator Deuell's SB 303 “The Death Panel Bill” because of the power it gave bureaucrats over life and death decisions.

³ Sen. Deuell voted for S.B. 1528 (79th Leg.), providing in-state tuition for illegal aliens.

⁴ “We should raise the gas tax 10 cents a gallon” – Bob Deuell, March 5th, 2011. See also *Dallas Morning News*, “Another GOP senator supports gas-tax increase”; Senate Bill 855 (81st Leg.) would have created brand new taxing powers for transportation projects.

⁵ Senate Bill 592 (81st), supported by Deuell, would have usurped parental authority concerning contraception for minor girls.

⁶ See Senate Bill 308 (80th Leg.)

The court documents actually contain a single complaint, filed by Bob Hall's ex-wife in the heat of a dispute four years after their divorce, which made all manner of allegations against Bob Hall. What Bob Deuell didn't disclose is this – **the complaint was completely rejected and dismissed by the court.**⁷ Deuell's private investigator surely unearthed the same documents we reviewed – Okaloosa County, Florida, court documents that completely exonerate Bob Hall – but Deuell **deceptively withheld those documents from the media** and his own constituents in order to conceal the truth.

In particular, Deuell **purposefully withheld** the “final disposition” court document, whereupon after a hearing before a judge, the complaint against Bob Hall was **totally and completely dismissed in less than a month's time**⁸ because **the judge found absolutely no basis for the allegations set forth therein.**⁹ The court records show the plaintiff (Bob Hall's ex-wife) accepted and agreed with the judge's decision! The Record Search Certificate obtained from the office of Circuit Court Clerk in Okaloosa County, Florida, showed that no other cases involving Bob Hall even exist.

By way of background, the court that issued the temporary order takes domestic violence complaints very seriously. When a complaint (remember, a complaint is not a charge or conviction – it is simply a bare allegation) is filed, a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) is ***automatically*** issued on behalf of the plaintiff, and a date is set for a hearing before a judge. **No evidence or testimony is required** from the plaintiff for the TRO to be issued. The purpose of the hearing is to determine if the complaint is valid and warrants a “Permanent” Restraining Order or other action.¹⁰

Even the threshold for issuing a “Permanent” Restraining Order is very low. No physical evidence or witness testimony is needed to convince a judge of the need for a Permanent Order. **If the judge feels there is even a small “indication”** that any one of the complaints may have validity, the judge can, and most often does, issue a permanent order. At the conclusion of the hearing, the judge notes his findings on a “Final Disposition Order.”¹¹

In this case, the judge felt that there was **no evidence whatsoever** that any of the allegations were true. The handwritten note by the presiding Judge (on the Final Disposition Order in case #94-DR-2087 S) shows “No Indications,” which means the Judge concluded there was **absolutely no indication whatsoever** that any of the allegations the plaintiff made on the complaint form had any factual merit.¹² Therefore, **the Judge's dismissal of case #94-DR-2087 S completely exonerated Bob Hall**, the defendant, of any wrongdoing.

Finding #2: IRS Documents Prove Bob Hall Took on the IRS—and WON!

Bob Deuell also makes much of the fact that Bob Hall has had multiple disputes with the IRS. Bob Hall does not deny **standing up and fighting the IRS**. The IRS disagreed with Hall on what he owed in taxes. Faced with the difficulty of fighting the IRS, many of us might decide to roll over and pay more than we

⁷ See Form 1.998, Final Disposition Form, Case # 94-2087 FD, 7-12-94 - <http://www.scribd.com/doc/223095477/Final-Disposition-Form>

⁸ See Certified Dismissal, April 8, 2014 - <http://www.scribd.com/doc/223095440/Certified-Dismissal>

⁹ See Final Disposition Form, *supra*.

¹⁰ See, e.g., Florida Domestic Violence Benchbook <http://www.fcadv.org/sites/default/files/Benchbook%20for%20Judges%202008.PDF>

¹¹ See Florida Domestic Violence Benchbook, *supra*.

¹² See Final Disposition Form, *supra*.

owe. **Bob Hall didn't.** Rather than roll over, **Bob Hall chose to stand up against the IRS**, and **HE WON**. In each case in dispute with a taxpayer, the Internal Revenue Service follows a standard procedure in contested cases by filing routine tax liens. These liens are **automatically filed** to allow the IRS to collect in the event they prevail, or if the taxpayer dies before the contested matters are resolved.

Bob Deuell proudly trumpeted Bob Hall's tax liens, but was once again very deceptive. What **Bob Deuell hid from his constituents and from the media is this – the IRS released every single "tax lien"** Deuell referenced.¹³ The official record shows **there is no history of taxes due from Bob Hall to the IRS**. In fact, in 2011, Hall received a refund from the IRS of more than \$12,000 dollars. The IRS does not send refunds to people who owe them money.

Emanuelson and Fleming Conclude: "Sen. Bob Deuell has deliberately attempted to deceive both his constituents and the media in a pitiful effort to destroy the character of his opponent and thereby suppress the vote in the May 27 runoff election. The direct mail Deuell is using to spread these disgusting lies is some of the worst we've ever seen. He should be ashamed."

Ken Emanuelson: "What Mr. Deuell doesn't want voters to know is that he is **terribly lacking in endorsements from conservative organizations because of his liberal voting record**. He definitely does not want them to know that he was ranked – in a 2012 independent study by Rice University Political Science Professor Mark Jones – as the most liberal Republican state senator in Texas.¹⁴ Mr. Deuell would certainly rather distract with deception than have folks know about his consistently low or failing grades from all of the conservative watchdog groups in Texas."¹⁵

JoAnn Fleming agreed, "**Mr. Deuell is clearly out of touch with the people of Senate District 2**. In the results for the 2012 Republican primary ballot resolutions, **95%** of SD 2 voters said they favored limiting any increases in government spending. Deuell ignored the expressed will of his constituents by voting to **increase state spending 26%**;¹⁶ however, this is not a recent lurch to the left for Bob Deuell. In a 2011 interview with the *Quorum Report* and YNN, Deuell stated, *'I'm advocating using the Rainy Day Fund – all of it. I also think we should raise the gas tax 10 cents a gallon and close loopholes in the sales tax.'*¹⁷ Deuell's own words prove everything his opponent Bob Hall is saying about Senator Deuell's liberal tax and spend voting record. Deuell cannot defend his record in conservative Senate District 2, so he has chosen to try to destroy Bob Hall with abject lies and distortions. Texans deserve better."

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¹³ See, e.g., Certificates of Release of Federal Tax Liens - <http://www.scribd.com/doc/223095505/Certificate-of-Release-of-Federal-Tax-Lien> ; <http://www.scribd.com/doc/223095443/Certificate-of-Release-of-Federal-Tax-Lien> ; <http://www.scribd.com/doc/223095445/Certificate-of-Release-of-Federal-Tax-Lien> ; <http://www.scribd.com/doc/223095457/Certificate-of-Release-of-Federal-Tax-Lien> ;

¹⁴ A copy of Prof. Jones study is posted at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qBhe1NjJYeNH6xs0L-k9WkyF-UjeEE9YJiSre7Qvr_Syeu0m0n3Uz5GSpsNP/edit?usp=sharing

¹⁵ See, e.g., www.SenatorDeuell.com.

¹⁶ See "The Great Texas Budget Debate of 2013" - <http://www.texaspolicy.com/center/economic-freedom/blog/great-texas-budget-debate-2013>

¹⁷ See "Tax increases proposed by Texas Senator" - <http://arnoldpublicaffairs.com/2011/03/05/tax-increases-proposed-by-texas-senator/>