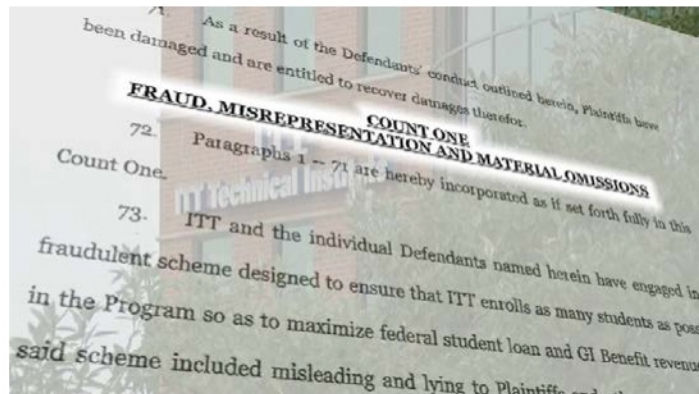


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Students file lawsuit against ITT Tech in Louisville

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Rodford Seabolt



Jim Ballinger



Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway

LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) - Big money and wasted dreams. ITT Technical Institute is being sued by Louisville students who claim they were misled to get them enrolled. ITT is one of the largest for profit education companies in the US. And now, some serious allegations are being leveled against the people who run their Louisville campus. It's the latest black eye for the for-profit college industry in Kentucky.

Rodford Seabolt, 42, wanted to be a nurse at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

"They said this was a perfect stepping stone," Seabolt said.

He said a recruiter at ITT's Ormsby Station Road campus told him a nursing degree from ITT would help him get that job. So Seabolt took out \$23,000 in federal loans, along with the \$43,000 he received in GI tuition benefits to go back to school. But during his final quarter of class, more than 2 years after he enrolled, Seabolt said he was told something that floored him.

"Oh yeah by the way Rod, you can't work at the VA hospital," Seabolt said he was told by a ITT staff member. "Once you become an RN here they don't accept our credits. So you can't work there."

Rodford is one of three plaintiffs in a lawsuit filed in against ITT in Jefferson County court. In addition to accusing school recruiters of lying to get them to enroll, the students also claim admissions counselors pressured them to take out thousands of dollars in federal student loans to attend ITT without providing the enrollment packets that outline what's required to graduate.

Those enrollment packets include student notification they have to pass an exit exam, which Seabolt and one of the other plaintiffs have not been able to do. A result, the students say, of poor instruction by ITT staff.

"You know if I had one student contact me I'd think well you know, maybe it's the student," said attorney Jim Ballinger, who is representing the former ITT students. "Maybe they're just not a good test taker or didn't comprehend the materials. But too many people have contacted me."

Eight and counting Ballinger said. ITT was one of the schools examined in a two year investigation of the for profit college industry by a US Senate Committee on Education. It found for profit schools spent more on aggressive marketing campaigns than instruction. More than half of students left school without a degree. And they were much more likely to default on federal student loans than traditional college students meaning taxpayers get left with the bill.

The Kentucky Attorney General is now suing three for profit colleges for violating the state's consumer protection act. ITT has not been named in that action, said AG's spokesperson Allison Martin.

"Our office is aware of some consumer protection issues regarding ITT, and we are reviewing," Martin said.

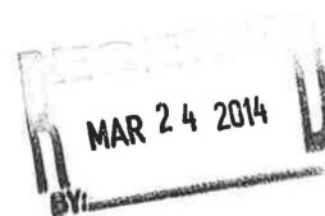
"Something's wrong," Seabolt. "Now I'm putting two and two together. This school is not in the best interest of the student. It's about the money."

The Kentucky Board of Nursing is also aware of the lawsuit against ITT's nursing program and is investigating. Repeated requests for comment to ITT's Louisville campus and the school's headquarters in Carmel, Indiana, have not been fulfilled.

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March 18, 2014



Mr. Anthony Bieda
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Dear Mr. Bieda,

The letter is being sent in response to your letter dated March 13, 2014, requesting an update to the lawsuit filed by Mr. Rodford Seabolt et al. against the ITT Technical Institute, Louisville, KY.

Presently, the Breckenridge School of Nursing and Health Sciences @ ITT Technical Institute is waiting for a court ruling on the pending motion to compel arbitration. The hearing is scheduled for March 24, 2014, with a ruling from the court anticipated within 30-60 days following the hearing.

At this time, we do not anticipate any outcome that would be detrimental to our current accreditation status with the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools.

We will keep you apprised of any further developments. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Michael Alcorn
Campus Director – ITT Technical Institute, Louisville

October 30, 2013



Mr. Anthony Bieda
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Dear Mr. Bieda,

The letter is being sent in response to your letter dated October 21, 2013, regarding the lawsuit filed by Mr. Rodford Seabolt et Al against the ITT Technical Institute, Louisville, KY.

Plaintiffs Terri Burton, Raymond Briney and Rodford Seabolt filed suit against ITT/ESI, Michael Alcorn, Lloyd Smith and Debra Pizzuti on September 26, 2013 in the Jefferson Circuit Court in Jefferson County, Kentucky. Plaintiffs, former students in the Nursing program at ITT Technical Institute, Louisville, allege in their suit that Defendants committed fraud, fraudulent inducement, negligence, negligent hiring, supervision and retention, breach of contract, violations of the Kentucky Consumer Protections Act, unjust enrichment, violations of Provisions of KRS Chapter 314, discrimination, willful, intentional, malicious and oppressive conduct, civil conspiracy and forgery in connection with Plaintiff's education in the Breckenridge School of Nursing and Health Sciences @ ITT Technical Institute.

Defendants deny the allegations in Plaintiffs' Complaint and intend to vigorously defend this action. Since our institutional Enrollment Agreement provides that all student-originated disputes are subject to arbitration, Defendants will be moving to dismiss this matter or alternatively, stay the litigation and compel the matter to arbitration.

We will keep you apprised of any developments. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Michael Alcorn
Campus Director – ITT Technical Institute, Louisville