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## Grady tries to throw a doctor in the pokey.

October 7th, 2007 by Chris Farris · [6 Comments](#)

[Senator Shafer has more news in the settlement that was unsealed and the plaintiff in the case:](#)

I mentioned in my earlier message that Murtagh had recently been sanctioned by the court, apparently for violating the secrecy provisions of the agreement settling his original whistleblower retaliation case.

What I did not mention — because I did not fully appreciate its significance at the time — was the suggestion Friday by lawyers for Grady and Emory that Murtagh be thrown in jail for what they believed were violations of the secrecy agreement in the last 48 hours.

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As for Bill Loughrey, who was a Grady trustee at the time the original whistleblower suit was filed and settled, he has been telling me for weeks that he was kept completely in the dark about the litigation and that he thought it “outrageous” that it had been settled under seal. Today he told me that he was stunned to learn about the size of the payment to Murtagh — \$1.6 million — and the fact that it included tax dollars.

But what surprised him most was that Grady was trying to jail Murtagh for allegedly having talked with him. He said he had not talked to Murtagh but could not believe that the Grady would try to jail the man if he had.

Everyone knows that Grady has problems. How can the trustees be expected to solve them if doctors or former doctors of the hospital can be jailed for talking with them? Who exactly is “Grady” if not the trustees appointed to run it? Why on earth would “Grady” enter into a settlement that makes it a jailable offense for a doctor or former doctor to communicate with its trustees — without the trustees apparently even knowing about it? And why, with all of its problems, would “Grady” be spending legal fees trying to jail a former doctor for allegedly talking to one of its own trustees?

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- **Harry** // [Oct 8, 2007 at 8:12 am](#)

■ As Michael Barone says, the one indispensable requirement for being a college or university administrator is intellectual dishonesty.

- **Icarus** // [Oct 8, 2007 at 4:15 pm](#)

■ More from RedState. Keeps getting deeper and more interesting:

[http://redstate.com/blogs/mike\\_volpe/2007/oct/08/corruption\\_at\\_emory\\_opening\\_a\\_pandoras\\_box](http://redstate.com/blogs/mike_volpe/2007/oct/08/corruption_at_emory_opening_a_pandoras_box)

- **BubbaRich** // [Oct 8, 2007 at 7:37 pm](#)

■ Interesting news from Redstate.com. I didn't realize that Emory was powerful enough to keep CNN from reporting about it!

- **Icarus** // [Oct 8, 2007 at 7:48 pm](#)

■ We all know it's the Cox monopoly that's really keeping the lid on things.

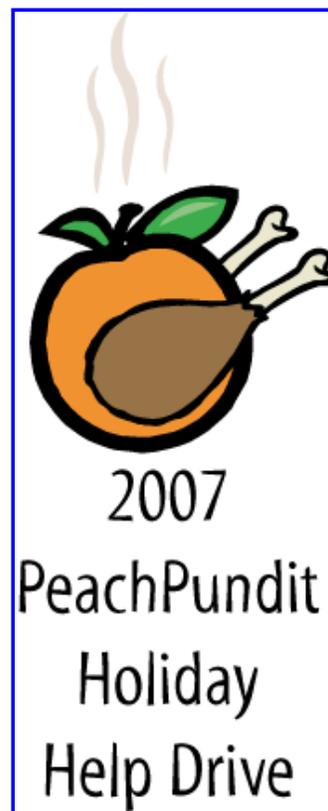
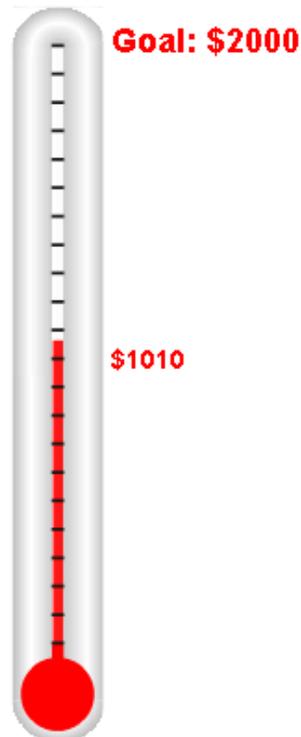
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■ [...] get back at Emory for expelling him. That is the superficially obvious conclusion. But given what we're learning about Emory-Grady relationship, Kuritzky's story is just as [...]

- **[Creative Loafing Atlanta » Fresh Loaf » Blog Archive » Emory's skeletons in the closet](#)** // [Oct 9, 2007 at 4:57 pm](#)

■ [...] The ongoing Grady Memorial Hospital crisis is bringing to the surface many complaints about Emory's medical school role. In the past, Emory's response to internal criticism has been to bully and crush the critics, and then try to keep the records sealed. [...]

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