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DURHAM, N.H. – The University of New Hampshire has retained the McLane Law Firm to conduct an independent investigation related to the university’s response to alleged incidents of misconduct by an employee in the university’s athletics department. Michael Delaney, former New Hampshire Attorney General, will lead the investigation.

UNH President Mark Huddleston released a statement last week noting that he was “deeply troubled” by the delay in reporting an incident of employee misconduct that occurred in late January but was not reported to university administrators until February 20. Huddleston called for an independent investigation of the matter with the longer-term goal of improving reporting practices when misconduct occurs.

“Mr. Delaney and his colleagues will have full access to necessary resources and personnel to ensure a thorough and timely investigation into the reporting delays,” said Huddleston. “Our students and their parents count on us to act swiftly and decisively when we learn of misconduct. We, in turn, count on every member of our campus community to report any and all forms of misconduct without delay.”

The University System of New Hampshire is currently exploring options to expand the McLane Law Firm’s investigation to include all USNH institutions.

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