

Slama attorney files response to Herbster claim

(KLZA) -- Attorney David Lopez who represents First District State Senator Julie Slama has called an attempt by former gubernatorial candidate Charles Herbster to amend his defamation lawsuit “futile” and a delaying tactic according to a story in the Nebraska Examiner.

Herbster filed suit after Slama and seven other women accused him of sexually groping them. Herbster, who is from Falls City had denied the accusations and has filed legal motions to amend his original lawsuit, claiming that the allegations against him changed from “groping” to “sexual assault” and that Slama's attorney was attempting to try the legal battle in the media.

Attorney Lopez rejected Herbsters claims in a five-page legal response that was posted Monday. In the response, Lopez argues that Herbster's own lawsuit stated that he was accused of a sexual assault, and that “groping” is a sexual assault, according to Nebraska state statutes.

The suits have been filed in Johnson County District Court. The next court hearing on the matter is scheduled for August 15.

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