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Judge dismisses employee's lawsuit against Clemson

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A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit against Clemson University filed by a former employee who alleged he was fired because he spoke out about salary increases given to administrators at the South Carolina college.

The Greenville News reported Saturday that U.S. Senior District Judge Matthew Perry Jr. agreed with Clemson that it is an arm of the state and immune from such lawsuits.

Eugene Troutman's lawsuit claims he was improperly fired as secretary to the board in 2007 because he criticized the school's handling of public money. The school says Troutman had a poor relationship with trustees.

Troutman's attorney Joel Collins says he doesn't know whether his client will appeal. Collins says Troutman would file a separate defamation claim.