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Corinthian Colleges Only Want The Money, 13 Students Say in Texas Complaint

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(CN) - Thirteen students say Rhodes, Everest and Corinthian Colleges misrepresented the education they offer at three Texas campuses they staff with faculty who "were either unqualified to teach in their ... fields, or simply uninterested in teaching." It's the latest in a string of lawsuits against Corinthian Colleges, which run more than 100 campuses in the United States and Canada.

Courthouse News' database records 83 lawsuits against Corinthian Colleges since 2005.

These students say they were misled about Corinthian's programs at its campuses in Fort Worth, Dallas and Arlington. And they say that when they complained about the lousy education they were being sold, they "were told they would have to take the class over, at the students' expense."

The plaintiffs attended programs in criminal justice, medical billing and medical assisting. They say Corinthian falsely advertised, among other things, "that Everest had between a 90 and 99.9 percent job placement rate.

The complaint in Dallas County Court cites an instructor at the Arlington campus who simply "stopped attending class" in September 2008, leaving the course without a teacher.

"Not only were many instructors unqualified, disinterested, or inexplicably absent from class, but the curriculum often lacked rigor and failed to challenge plaintiffs," the complaint states. "Much classroom instruction involved reading from overhead slide, and meaningful homework assignments were rare. A group of students brought these concerns to school officials in September 2008 and were told they would have to take the class over, at the students' expense. Suffice it to say that once Everest secured plaintiffs' tuition payments the schools' commitment to fostering their professional development diminished greatly."

The students say that contrary to the colleges' promises, they could not transfer their credits once they became fed up with Corinthian.

They demand damages for fraud, breach of contract, deceptive trade, and "mental anguish." They are represented by Julie Johnson.