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MANLY, STEWART & FINALDI FILE NEW SEX ABUSE LAWSUITS AGAINST SCANDAL PLAGUED REDLANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lawsuit alleges continued cover-up of sexual abuse by Redlands Unified School District administrators.

Attorneys representing alleged victim of Former Redlands High School Educator, Brian Townsley and former Redlands High School teacher and coach, Kevin Patrick Kirkland, announced the filing of a new lawsuit against the school and the Redlands Unified School District. [See new lawsuit here.](#)

This suit is in addition to the ongoing claim which accused District administrators of a decade-long cover-up of alleged sexual assault and harassment of minors by former teacher Kevin Patrick Kirkland.

According to the complaint, administrators were aware that Townsley took an unusual interest and spent an inordinate amount of time with the young female student. The complaint alleges that Townsley engaged in sexual acts with the minor student in his classroom and on school grounds of Redlands High School.

“In a disturbing pattern and practice from Redlands High School, it was discovered that yet another teacher was discovered to be sexually abusing students. This brings to no less than six known staff members at Redlands High School in a ten year period that have been preying upon the students unabated. While this involves a different teacher and different students, the fact is that the administration in charge was the same during each of these incidents, which is telling.” said victims’ attorney Morgan Stewart, a partner in Manly Stewart & Finaldi.

Manly, Stewart & Finaldi achieved a 6 million-dollar settlement against the school and the Redlands Unified School District in the 2016 case of Laura Whitehurst, a teacher at Redlands High School and Citrus Valley High School who became pregnant by an under-aged student.

Mr. Stewart indicated that: “Following this settlement, RUSD has claimed it was strengthened its policy and procedures to protect children. However, the growing sexual abuse scandal that is plaguing the District through these separate litigation is unequivocal proof that the District has failed.” Mr. Stewart renewed his call for a separate and independent investigation of the District by State and Federal bodies.

[Manly, Stewart & Finaldi](#) is California's leading law firm representing child victims of sexual abuse. The firm has represented more than 150 victims of clergy sexual abuse in California and hundreds of others throughout the United States. The firm also represented plaintiffs in the \$140,000,000 settlement against LAUSD in the Miramonte case, the largest sex abuse settlement against a School District in the US.