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Professor sues MCC



A local professor says he was fired from [Monroe Community College](#) for expressing his political views outside the classroom.

It happened back in 2004. Now four years later, a federal judge says he's entitled to a trial. This after [MCC](#) asked the judge to throw out the case. Today, News 10NBC sat down with and his attorney.

"I found that [MCC](#) was an extraordinary partisan and intolerant environment," said Dr. Filozof while sitting at his attorney's office on East Avenue.

Filozof was a political science professor at [MCC](#) for two and a half years.

"I think the taxpayers would be shocked to know how intolerant and bigoted many of the faculty members there are," Filozof said.

He says he lost his job back in 2004 because he talked about what he believed in. "I voiced support for the War in Iraq and for President Bush at the time," said Filozof.

Last Tuesday, Federal Judge David Larimer ruled Filozof has a right to a trial. [MCC](#) tried to have the case thrown out. "[MCC](#) has certainly stone-walled this case from the start," said Nelson Thomas of [Dolin, Thomas and Solomon](#). He is Filozof's attorney.

"He was terminated for his political beliefs," said Thomas. "This was absolutely political discrimination. It was political correctness run amuck."

[MCC](#) officials would not talk on camera but issued a statement saying, "The college welcomes the opportunity to present its case at trial and demonstrate that the decision to not renew Mr. Filozof's teaching contract was sound and in the best interest of the college and its students."

Filozof says [MMCC](#) violated his first amendment rights. Court documents show he had been rated has an "exceedingly gifted teacher" and even the Liberal Arts Dean said it looked like the department chair was out to get Filozof.

Nelson says this lawsuit is an important lesson just before Election Day. "This country is based upon the fact that people can express their views whether you like them or not. And the government can't go in and fire people or treat people differently because of views expressed outside the job," said Nelson.

We should note [MCC](#) accused Filozof of sexual harassment back in 2003. Filozof says those charges are fabricated and false.

Currently he's a part time professor at [Niagara County Community College](#). In his lawsuit, he's asking for back pay, and he wants his job back at [MCC](#). They're the case will go to trial within a year.

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