

Lawyer Starts Viral #MeAt14 Campaign Against Roy Moore

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Summary: A female attorney started a viral campaign to show the severity of the allegations against Alabama Senate candidate Roy Moore.

A Republican and a lawyer in North Carolina was disturbed by people in her party supporting Roy Moore, a Senate candidate from Alabama who was accused of child molestation. That's why she took to social media to express her outrage with a campaign that went viral.

Attorney Catherine Lawson of Parker Poe uploaded a photo of herself when she was 14 with the hashtag "#MeAt14."

"Can't consent at 14. Not in Alabama. Not anywhere. #MeAt14," Lawson wrote on Twitter.

Lawson's tweet inspired others to share photos of them at that age with the hashtag, and users also shared stories of what had happened to them at that age and why a grown man attempting a relationship with children was wrong.

"I was eating a lot of chocolate chip cookie dough and learning to do the 'hustle' and not worrying about a 32 year old man trying to hustle me. #MeAt14," journalist Katie Couric wrote.

Lawson is a business and IP litigator in Raleigh and a registered Republican. She told Law.com that she was appalled by members of her party who supported Moore, who was accused of pursuing women as young as 14 when he was in his 30s.

"This is not a political issue," Lawson told Law.com. "This is just a common value issue."

Lawson told ABA Journal that she came up with the hashtag because she felt people needed to see there was no justification for Moore at his age to date a 14-year-old.

"The original story about Moore from the Washington Post was very disturbing, but more disturbing were the number of people willing to justify his behavior," Lawson said. "I decided to share a picture of myself at 14 with the hashtag #MeAt14 to illustrate there is no acceptable version of this story; teenagers can't consent to a relationship with a grown adult. For me it's not a question about the legal age of consent, but about affirming a shared social value that children deserve our protection. I certainly hoped that some people would share their pictures, but did not expect the magnitude of the response. It's been incredibly humbling."

Earlier this month, The Washington Post published a story where several women said Moore pursued sexual relationships with them when they were teenagers and he was in his 30s. One woman later gave a press conference and said Moore had tried to rape her when she was sixteen.

Some Republicans such as Mitch McConnell have called for Moore to step out of the race, but President Donald Trump has continued to endorse him.

"He denies it. Look, he denies it," Trump said. "If you look at all the things that have happened over the last 48 hours. He totally denies it. He says it didn't happen. And look, you have to look at him also."

Updated: 11/25/17 to correct a typo that Lawson is a litigator, not Moore.

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