



**Issue Date: 23 August 2006**

CASE NO: 2006-SOX-40

In the Matter of:

LINDA SADLER  
Complainant

v.

AMERICAN INTERCONTINENTAL  
UNIVERSITY  
Respondent

**ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT**

This proceeding arises from a complaint filed by Linda Sadler against American Intercontinental University, Career Education Corporation, and Peter Buswell, alleging violations of the employee protection provisions in Section 806 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, codified at 18 U.S.C. § 1514A (the Act). The relevant procedural regulations appear at 29 C.F.R. § 1980. A hearing in this matter is scheduled to commence on September 11, 2006 in Atlanta, Georgia.

On August 9, 2006, Complainant submitted a request for withdrawal of objections with prejudice, pursuant to a settlement agreement reached between the parties. On August 11, 2006, the parties submitted a request for approval of a Settlement Agreement and General Release (Agreement) which was fully executed on July 24, 2006. The Agreement resolves the above captioned matter and dispute under the Act.

I have reviewed the parties' Agreement with regard to the complaint under the Act, and I make the following findings:

1. The Agreement appears to be fair and reasonable on its face and to effectuate the purposes and policies of the Act.
2. By their agreement, the parties are deemed to have waived any further proceedings before the United States Department of Labor for matters that are the subject of the Agreement.
3. This Order shall have the same force and effect as a Decision and Order issued after a full hearing on the merits.

29 C.F.R. § 18.9; 29 C.F.R. § 1980.

Based on the foregoing, and in accordance with the parties' Agreement, it is ORDERED that:

1. The Agreement is APPROVED;
2. The complaint under Section 806 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE;
3. The hearing scheduled in Atlanta, Georgia commencing September 11, 2006 is CANCELLED.

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DANIEL L. LELAND  
Administrative Law Judge