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**Top Men's Collegiate Fraternity Takes Historic Legal Action Against Ex-Members**  
*Alpha Sigma Phi to Pursue Civil Damages Over Alleged Rutgers Hazing Incident*

(CARMEL, IN) – Alpha Sigma Phi, one of the largest men's collegiate fraternities with more than 80,000 living lifetime members, announced today that it will seek civil damages from its former undergraduate members at Rutgers University due to their involvement in a hazing event during the Fall 2025 semester. Gordy Heminger, president and CEO, announced this historic legal action today, saying:

*"The October 2025 hazing incident at Rutgers was a betrayal of our values and the antithesis of brotherhood. That's why we immediately closed the chapter, recommended these students be evicted from the fraternity house and have fully cooperated with both the criminal and university investigations.*

*"Now we're going further. Alpha Sigma Phi has retained counsel and intends to pursue civil damages against every individual directly or indirectly involved in this heinous act. This represents one of the most significant legal actions taken by a national fraternity because the members of the former chapter deliberately violated our guidelines on hazing and amnesty reporting, despite receiving training less than a month prior. Because these men agreed to abide by our organization's rules and failed to do so, they must be held to account by all means available.*

*"Brotherhood is both a sacred honor and a solemn responsibility. We are called to protect one another and uphold our values, and those who fail to adhere to safety standards directly violate the contractual terms of membership in our organization. In this case and others like it, Alpha Sigma Phi reserves the right to seek civil remedies to the damage such recklessness inflicts upon our Fraternity, our members and our broader communities.*

*"We continue praying for the victim's full recovery and have absolute faith that the criminal justice system and Rutgers University conduct process will deliver total accountability for those responsible."*

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*Founded in 1845, Alpha Sigma Phi is one of America's oldest fraternities. Today, it is home to more than 80,000 collegiate men and alumni from chapters across North America. With a mission of "bettering the world through better men," Alpha Sigma Phi imparts "values-driven brotherhood experiences through life," and in return, members are expected to exemplify the fraternity's values of silence, charity, purity, honor and patriotism. For more information, visit [alphasigmaphi.org](http://alphasigmaphi.org).*