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**Corroborating Evidence: It's Not Just a Swearing Match:  
He-said, She-said... [and X, Y, and Z said]**

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**“[i]n cases of alleged sexual harassment ...  
Americans have grown accustomed to weighing  
the word of one defendant against that of one  
plaintiff, the steadfast denial against the angry  
accusation: he said, she said.”**

*Eric Pooled, “kiss but don’t tell,” TIME (March 1998)*

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**“Uncorroborated plus uncorroborated plus largely uncorroborated is not the accumulation of questions, much less of evidence. It is the duplication of hearsay.”**

*Bret Stephens, N.Y. Times (October 2018)*

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**“testimony in direct conflict, with an implication that truth is therefore undiscoverable.”**

*William Safire, “On language; He-Said, She-Said,” N.Y. Times (April 1998)*

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A rhetorical dodge

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