

# Title IX Investigator Training In-Person/Zoom Sessions September and October 2023

# 9:00 am to 4:00 pm AGENDA

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9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

- Definitions:
  - Sexual harassment
  - Education program/activity
  - o Recognized, off-campus student organizations
  - o Formal Complaint
  - Complainant
  - Respondent

# 10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- Overview:
  - Interaction with and role of Advisor
  - Role of Mediator in Informal Resolution
  - o Navigating confidentiality and disclosure of information within the institution
  - Emergency Removal
  - o Interconnections between Title IX cases and Student Conduct cases
  - Pregnancy and Lactation Issues
- Investigations Title IX Process:
  - Step 1: Planning and preparation
  - Step 2: Beginning the interview
  - Step 3: First narrative account
  - Step 4: Clarification and disclosure
  - Step 5: Closing the interview
  - Step 6: Evaluation
  - Types of interview questions

- Qualities of a good question
- Categories of evidence
- Credibility factors

# 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- Title IX Process
  - Review of policy process steps
    - Informal resolution
    - Formal resolution
- Case scenarios
  - Utilizing multiple case-scenarios, attendees discussed jurisdictional issues, how to develop an investigation strategy, assessing witness credibility, and understanding the inter-connection between Title IX, Clery, and other federal laws.
  - Attendees participated in "quick-recall" game playing.

#### Presenter:

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# **Resources:**

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# Title IX Informal Resolution Mediator Training Zoom Session October 2023

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

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- Review of policy process steps
  - Informal resolution process
  - Formal resolution process
  - o Forms
    - Informal resolution agreements
      - Requirements by statute
      - Requirements by institution
- Role of mediation in the Title IX process
- Who should be a Mediator?
- Role of Mediator (by statute)
- Role of Mediator (by institutional policy)
- Discussion of "do the facts really matter?"
- Discussion of appropriate resolution options
- Navigating confidentiality and disclosure of information within the institution
- Practical tips

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# Title IX Advisor Training In-Person/Zoom Session

September 2023

9:00 am to 11:00 am

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- Definitions:
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  - Recognized, off-campus student organizations
  - Formal Complaint
  - o Complainant
  - Respondent
- Standards of evidence
- Review of policy process steps
  - o Informal resolution
  - Formal resolution
- Role of Advisor (by statute)
- Role of Advisor (by institutional policy)
- How to analyze Final Report from perspective of Complainant or Respondent
- How to develop appropriate and relevant questions
- Live Hearing
- Appeal
- Navigating confidentiality and disclosure of information within the institution

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- https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-title-ix-coordinators-guide-201504.pdf

# **Federal Register**

 https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/05/19/2020-10512/nondiscrimination-on-the-basis-of-sex-in-education-programs-or-activities-receiving-federal#citation-1152-p30294

#### Joint Guidance on Title IX

- https://system.suny.edu/sci/tix2020/
- <a href="https://system.suny.edu/media/suny/content-assets/documents/sci/tix2020/Live-Hearings,-Cross-Examination-and-Advisors-of-Choice.pdf">https://system.suny.edu/media/suny/content-assets/documents/sci/tix2020/Live-Hearings,-Cross-Examination-and-Advisors-of-Choice.pdf</a>



# Title IX Hearing Panel Member Training In-Person/Zoom Sessions September and October 2023

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- Overview:
  - Review of policy process steps
    - Informal resolution
    - Formal resolution
  - Role of decision-maker
    - Cross-examination
  - How to analyze the Final Report
  - How to develop appropriate and relevant questions
    - Exclusions
      - Rape shield
      - Legally recognized privileged
      - Medical records
      - Hearsay
  - Assessment of credibility
    - Status of party or witness
    - Factors

- Judgement
- Missing evidence
- Trauma-informed approaches
- Role play controlling unruly Advisors
- Discuss appropriate remedial measures
- Navigating confidentiality and disclosure of information within the institution
- Utilizing multiple case-scenarios, attendees will discuss how to assess witness credibility.
- Need for related policies:
  - Policy on Policies
  - Reporting Policy
  - Nondiscrimination Policy
  - Nonretaliation Policy

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