



Colleges & Universities

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"With its national coverage and depth of expertise, the firm's bet-the-company labor and employment litigation practice is very well known."

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Overview

Whether defending against high-stakes class actions or conducting sensitive internal investigations, O'Melveny is the law firm of choice for colleges and universities facing high-profile controversies with potentially damaging ramifications.

We offer college and university clients a full suite of services, including counseling and policy advice, internal investigations, representation in governmental investigations and proceedings, litigation, and communications management. Our interdisciplinary team of litigation, employment, appellate, and criminal defense lawyers with high-level government experience help colleges and universities tackle a host of issues, including the following.

Title IX and Clery Act

We advise on Title IX and Clery Act compliance and represent academic institutions before the Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, and Office of Federal Student Aid, as well as in Title IX federal and state court proceedings.

Policies Regarding Student Athletes

We offer counsel on complying with the array of federal, state and NCAA regulations regarding student athletics.

Admissions and Financial Aid Statistics

We perform internal investigations regarding the alleged misreporting of admissions and financial aid statistics. In addition, we manage communications with the press, internal and external communities, third-party private rating institutions, and government regulators regarding these investigations and their results.

Intellectual Property and Patents

We advise on protecting their intellectual property rights and represent them in litigating patent disputes.

Labor and Employment

We offer counsel on the entire spectrum of labor and employment laws, and represent them in wage-and-hour, high-stakes discrimination, whistleblower, harassment, wrongful termination and retaliation litigation.

Transactions

We represent colleges and universities, investors, and financial institutions in financings, acquisitions, and other transactions.

General Litigation

We represent colleges and universities in a wide range of litigation, including defending our clients against tort claims and class actions.

Investigations

Our multi-disciplinary team performs investigations—which may include interviewing witnesses, reviewing relevant documents, coordinating with law enforcement and government agencies conducting their own investigations, and preparing reports—regarding a range of sensitive issues, including allegations of campus sexual assault and their responses to these allegations, the alleged misreporting of admissions and financial aid statistics, and faculty misconduct, among others.

Clients

- California Institute of Technology
- Claremont McKenna College
- DeVry
- NCAA
- University of California
- Occidental College
- Scripps Colleges
- University of Virginia

Related Practices

- Business & Commercial Litigation
- Data Security & Privacy
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Labor & Employment
- Project Finance & Development
- Regulatory & Government Affairs