

Corl to discuss Title IX at symposium

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Attorney Christina L. Corl of Plunkett Cooney, one of the Midwest's oldest and largest law firms, will be among the featured speakers during an upcoming national symposium on the issue of on campus student sexual assaults.

The Fourth Annual Representing Students Accused of Sexual Assault Symposium will take place on March 23 in Washington, D.C. The symposium will focus on student sexual assault in the Post Dear-Colleague Letter Era. For the first time, the symposium will feature speakers like Corl who will speak on the issue of Title IX claims as seen from the point of view of academic institution defendants.

The symposium is sponsored by a consortium of plaintiff attorneys around the country who deal with Title IX cases. These attorneys represent students and schools in campus disciplinary proceedings at various stages and those who handle subsequent litigation.

Corl's presentation, titled: "Litigation from the Institutional Perspective," will cover understanding institutional process and decision-making, tips for dealing with in-house legal departments and the practical realities of institutional adjudication of sexual misconduct complaints. Other topics include case law updates, due process and Title IX in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, expert witnesses and handling school investigative processes.

In September 2017, the U.S. Department of Education rescinded its guidance to academic institutions on how to deal with sexual assault on campus, reversing course on a federal policy that played an important role in driving schools to do more to protect sexual assault victims. While federal guidance on campus sexual assault policy has returned to the pre-2011 era, college policies must reflect a changed and constantly shifting legal landscape.

Corl, who is a co-leader of Plunkett Cooney's Labor & Employment Law Practice Group, is admitted to practice in Ohio, Michigan and Georgia. She focuses her litigation practice primarily on employer liability issues, and she has expertise in commercial litigation, product liability, premises liability, professional liability and municipal law. Corl has the distinction of serving as Associate General Counsel to the Board of Directors of the USA Track & Field Association and previously as Associate

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General Counsel to the National Fraternal Order of Police.

Additionally, Corl serves as Special Counsel to the Ohio Attorney General's Office. In this capacity, she represents The Ohio State University, Miami University and the University of Cincinnati in employment and Title IX disputes. Her special counsel duties extend to other state agencies, including the Ohio Department of Insurance, Department of Corrections and Secretary of State.

A *summa cum laude* graduate of Western Michigan University Cooley Law School in 1994, Corl graduated first in her class and received numerous academic accolades. She received her undergraduate degree, *magna cum laude*, from Western Michigan University in 1991.

Corl serves as managing partner of Plunkett Cooney's Columbus, Ohio office, which includes attorneys who provide a range of litigation and transactional services in such areas as banking law, bankruptcy, business law, commercial litigation, corporate law, employment liability and other areas of civil litigation.

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For more information about Plunkett Cooney attorney Christina Corl's upcoming Title IX presentation, contact the firm's Director of Marketing and Business Development John Cornwell at (248) 901-4008 or jcornwell@plunkettcooney.com.

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