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In recent years, the Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Education has become considerably more active and, some would say, aggressive, in investigating and prosecuting alleged violations of the civil rights laws in its jurisdiction. Most notably, OCR has dramatically increased its policymaking and enforcement efforts on Title IX issues; but it has also conducted several prominent investigations on other matters and raised its profile, resulting in resolution agreements with universities around the United States. Omar and Gail will discuss the best approaches to take when your institution learns it is the subject of an OCR complaint.

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- Campus Student Affairs Officers
- Title IX Coordinators
- Campus Disability-Services Directors
- Institutional Equity/Diversity Coordinators

About the Presenters

Gail Jensen is the Chief Legal Officer at The University of Texas at San Antonio where she oversees the Office of Legal Affairs, the Office of Equal Opportunity Services and the Office of Institutional Compliance and Risk Services. Gail joined UTSA in 2006 as an Associate Counsel, and became the Chief Legal Officer in 2012. Before joining UTSA, Gail practiced law in both the private and public sectors. She was an Associate Counsel in an employment law boutique firm in Houston, Texas, advising and defending employers in all types of employment issues. Prior to that, she was a Litigation Attorney in the San Antonio City Attorney's Office, defending the City in a wide variety of cases in state and federal court. Gail also worked as a jury consultant providing expertise in jury selection, witness preparation and trial strategy in complex litigation. Gail obtained her law degree from The University of Texas School of Law, and she subsequently obtained a Master of Science Degree in Counseling Psychology from Our Lady of the Lake University.

Omar Syed manages the General Law section in the UT System Office of General Counsel, an 11-lawyer practice group that specializes in employment, student affairs and tort law. Omar received his AB from The University of Chicago and his JD from the University of Minnesota Law School. After law school, he practiced administrative law and civil litigation as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Minnesota. He then prosecuted federal narcotics crimes, violent crimes and economic crimes as an Assistant United States Attorney in Minneapolis. Immediately before joining the Office of General Counsel, he practiced oil and gas law with a private law firm in Austin, Texas.

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