

Institutional Response Group

Cozen O'Connor's Institutional Response Group delivers holistic responses to institutions confronting sexual and gender-based harassment and violence, child abuse, safety and security issues, and other forms of misconduct. We represent colleges, universities, K-12 educational and other child-serving institutions, as well as corporations, hospitals, religious institutions, and not-for-profit organizations, in connection with policy, compliance, investigations, and governance issues.

Our Institutional Response attorneys have decades of experience conducting high-profile investigations into sexual and gender-based harassment and violence, child abuse, and other forms of misconduct, and assisting institutions in implementing trauma-informed, fair and impartial prevention and resolution processes.

Cozen O'Connor's Institutional Response Group is led by recognized thought leaders in the field and features 10 pillars of practice:

- Policy development and audit;
- Design of infrastructure, systems and protocols;
- Investigations and hearing services;
- Training and education;
- Title IX, Clery, child protection, and other regulatory compliance;
- Coordination with law enforcement in parallel investigations;
- Counseling and advice;
- Institutional governance;
- Community engagement; and
- Public service.

Our Institutional Response attorneys have been at the helm of high-profile investigations and engagements at major public and private educational institutions, including both secular and religious institutions, throughout the country. In addition, members of the Institutional Response Group have a long-standing investigative practice in the white collar, government and regulatory, and pharmaceutical arenas.



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