

2026 VERMONT LEGAL ISSUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE SCHEDULE – All times are Eastern Standard Time

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19		
TIME	SESSION	TITLE
7:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.		Registration and Breakfast <i>Breakfast is sponsored by Fisher Phillips.</i>
9:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.	Welcome and Plenary Session	Welcome Remarks President’s Panel: Embracing Challenges and Opportunities
10:30 a.m.- 10:45 a.m.		Break
10:45 a.m.- 12:00 a.m.	Session 1	Civil Rights Session: Trends in Federal Enforcement
		Student Death: Lessons Learned through After Action Reviews and Preventive Approaches
		[Open: TBD]
12:00 p.m.- 1:15 p.m.		LUNCH <i>Lunch is sponsored by COSECURE.</i>
	Session 2	The Athletics Landscape: Key Issues and Updates
		Title IX Update
		Update on Disability Law and Key Issues
2:30 p.m.- 2:45 p.m.		Break
2:45 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Session 3	Title VI: Intersections with Free Speech and Academic Freedom
		Crisis Response Protocols and Preparation: Is Your Institution’s Emergency Plan Working for You?

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4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Plenary	Entrepreneurial Policing in Higher Education: Securing the Environment Where Innovation Thrives
5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.		Welcome Reception Light appetizers & 1 free drink ticket per attendee will be provided. <i>The Welcome Reception is sponsored by Clark Hill.</i>

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20		
TIME	SESSION	TITLE
7:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.		Breakfast <i>Breakfast is sponsored by Aleta Law.</i>
9:00 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.	Session 4	Campus Student Health: Responding to High Acuity Mental Health Needs & Suicidal Ideation
		United Educators Claims Experience and Lessons Learned
		Event Preparation and Campus Protests
10:15 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.		Break
10:30a.m.- 11:45 a.m.	Session 5	Untying Knots: Navigating Complicated, Unwieldy, Title IX, Title VI, and Civil Rights Matters
		Current Challenges and Solutions in Higher Education Threat Assessment
		Care-Compliance Continuum and Digital Transformation: Meeting the Moment in the New Compliance Environment
11:45a.m.- 1:00 p.m.		Keynote Lunch: Advancing Civic Engagement <i>Lunch is sponsored by Holland & Knight.</i>
	Session 6	Update on Federal Issues Impacting Higher Education

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1:00 p.m.- 2:15 p.m.		
		Minors on Campus
		International Programs
2:15 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.		Break
	Session 7	Effective Preparation: Identifying and Responding to Campus Safety Risks
		Investigations 101
		Mergers and Acquisitions
3:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.		Ice Cream Social
4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Session 8	Preventing and Responding to Antisemitism
		Student Organizations: Guardrails and Guidelines
		Labor and Employment Law Update

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21		
TIME	SESSION	TITLE
7:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.		Breakfast <i>Breakfast is sponsored by Reed Smith.</i>
	Session 9	Academic Freedom Through the Lens of Government Oversight and Control
		An Update on Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity, and Belonging Considerations
		AI Tools in Student Affairs

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10:15 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.		Break
10:30 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.	Closing	Closing Plenary: Looking into the Crystal Ball – the Future of Higher Education