

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19			
TIME	SESSION	TITLE	PRESENTER(S)
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	Marlene Tromp Carol Folt Andres Acebo David Bogen Jenn Papillo
10:30 a.m.- 10:45 a.m.		Break	
10:45 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	Session 1	Civil Rights Session: Trends in Federal Enforcement	Beth Gellman-Beer Alice Yao
		Student Death: Lessons Learned through After Action Reviews and Preventive Approaches	Kim Novak Mike Rein Katie McGee Kay Heidbreder
		A Focus on D3 Athletics	
12:00 p.m.- 1:15 p.m.		LUNCH <i>Lunch is sponsored by COSECURE.</i>	
1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Session 2	The Athletics Landscape: Key Issues and Updates	Nate LaVallee James Nussbaum Greg Pottorff
		Title IX Update	Jeff Nolan Kai McGintee Beth Gellman-Beer Marjy Fisher

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		Update on Disability Law and Key Issues	Cassandra Doan Tom Greene Christine Walz
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	Tim Heaphy Steven Richards Douglas Geiger Samantha Harris
		Crisis Response Protocols and Preparation: Is Your Institution's Emergency Plan Working for You?	Brent Paterson Josh Nolan
		Mergers and Acquisitions	Andres Acebo Paul Lannon
4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Plenary	Entrepreneurial Policing in Higher Education: Securing the Environment Where Innovation Thrives	Joseph O'Leary Nashley Gonzalez Kevin Carrigan
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	PRESENTER(S)
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	Barbara McCall Cassandra Doan

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		Event Preparation and Campus Protests	Kelly Hendricken Katie McGee
		United Educators Claims Experience and Lessons Learned	AJ Kornblith Heather Salko Sharon Reich Paulsen
10:15 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.		Break	
10:30 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.	Session 5	Untying Knots: Navigating Complicated, Unwieldy, Title IX, Title VI, and Civil Rights Matters	Alyssa-Rae McGinn Meaghan Borys Maureen Holland
		Current Challenges and Solutions in Higher Education Threat Assessment	Jeff Nolan Marisa Randazzo
		Care-Compliance Continuum and Digital Transformation: Meeting the Moment in the New Compliance Environment	Gina Maisto Smith Felicia Washington
11:45a.m.- 1:00 p.m.		Keynote Lunch: Advancing Civic Engagement <i>Lunch is sponsored by Holland & Knight.</i>	Jonathan Alger Laurie Patton
1:00 p.m.- 2:15 p.m.	Session 6	Update on Federal Issues Impacting Higher Education	Allie Mitropoulos Amanda Fuchs Miller David Bogen
		International Programs	Alan Grose Emma Swift
		Minors on Campus	Elizabeth Taylor Erin Oliver Natalie Mason-Kinsey
2:15 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.		Break	

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2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Session 7	Effective Preparation: Identifying and Responding to Campus Safety Risks	Kathleen Shields Anderson Steven Healy Marlon Lynch
		Investigations 101	Alex Wolf Melanie Soberal Danny Shaha
		TBD	
3:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.		Ice Cream Social <i>The Ice Cream Social is sponsored by Saul Ewing.</i>	
4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Session 8	Preventing and Responding to Antisemitism	Elizabeth Conklin Leslie Gomez Kelly Hendricken Gabrielle Lincoff Meredith Ainbinder
		Student Organizations: Guardrails and Guidelines	Kim Novak Eva Chatterjee-Sutton Gerard St. Ours
		Labor and Employment Law Update	Meghan Siket Damien DiGiovanni Rachel Pereira

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21			
TIME	SESSION	TITLE	PRESENTER(S)
7:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.		Breakfast <i>Breakfast is sponsored by Reed Smith.</i>	
9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.		Academic Freedom Through the Lens of Government Oversight and Control	Tom Sullivan Joe Cohn

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	Session 9		Jenn Papillo
		An Update on Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity, and Belonging Considerations	Caroline Laguerre-Brown Rachel Pereira Seema Rambaran
		AI Tools in Student Affairs	Emma Bahner Deanna Garrett-Ostermiller Andrew Zehner
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	Lynn Pasquserella Jill Dunlap Charles L. Welch Mary Rohmiller Marjorie Haas