



Higher Education

Lippes Mathias' attorneys provide comprehensive legal services to address the unique needs of colleges and universities. Our expertise spans a wide range of legal areas essential for the higher education sector, ensuring that institutions operate smoothly, comply with regulations, and protect their interests.

Regulatory Compliance and Governance

- Advising on compliance with federal, state, and local regulations.
- Assisting in the development and implementation of governance policies, bylaws, and institutional policies.

Employment and Labor Law

- Offering counsel on employment matters, including faculty and staff contracts, tenure disputes, and labor relations.
- Addressing issues related to discrimination, harassment, and workplace investigations.

Intellectual Property Protection

- Providing guidance on the protection and commercialization of intellectual property, including patents, copyrights, and trademarks.
- Assisting in the development of intellectual property policies and technology transfer agreements.

Student Affairs and Discipline

- Advising on student rights and disciplinary procedures, ensuring fair and legal handling of conduct cases.
- Helping to develop and implement student policies and handbooks.

Real Estate and Campus Development

- Assisting with real estate transactions, campus expansions, student housing, and other development projects.
- Navigating zoning laws, land use regulations, and environmental compliance.

Contracts and Procurement

- Drafting and negotiating contracts with vendors, service providers, and partners.
- Ensuring compliance with procurement policies and regulations.

Litigation and Dispute Resolution

- Handling litigation matters, including employment disputes, contract issues, and intellectual property cases.
- Offering mediation and arbitration services to resolve conflicts effectively and efficiently.

Risk Management and Insurance

- Advising on risk management strategies to protect the institution's assets and reputation.
- Assisting in the procurement and management of insurance coverage.

Financial and Tax Matters

- Providing counsel on financial issues, including endowment management, tax-exempt status, and compliance with IRS regulations.
- Advising on financial aid policies and tuition-related matters.

Our team of attorneys combines legal acumen with a deep understanding of the higher education landscape and its ever-shifting scope of concerns requiring a tailored strategic vision. With our comprehensive legal support, institutions can focus on their primary mission of education and research, confident in their legal standing and operational integrity. We partner with college and university clients with an understanding that the higher education industry and their legal counsel are a close-knit attorney-client relationship built on a shared commitment to the strategic goals.