

2021 Texas Higher Education Law Conference (Zoom)

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**The UNT Higher Education Program, The UNT Higher Education Initiative, The Bill J. Priest Center for
Community College Education, and The North Texas Community College Consortium**

University of North Texas

November 1 – 3, 2021

(This schedule is subject to change.)

Monday – November 1

10am Sessions

Room A: Ian M. Steusloff (Texas Association of School Boards)

Higher Education Case Law Update

Room B: William R. Fossey (University of Louisiana) & Todd DeMitchell (University of New Hampshire)

Educational Malpractice in Higher Education in the Time of the Pandemic: A Cognizable Claim?

11am Sessions

Room C: Chad Timmons (Abernathy, Roeder, Boyd & Hullett)

COVID-19, 20, & 21, and HR/Employment Law – Past, Present and Future

Room D: William R. Fossey (University of Louisiana) & Todd DeMitchell (University of New Hampshire)

Tuition Refund Litigation in the Wake of the COVID Pandemic: Many Courts Are Allowing Claims to Move Forward

Room E: Amy Magee & Scott Rizzo (Texas Association of School Boards)

Recent Cases and Legislation and Other Current Issues Affecting Students

12pm Sessions:

Room F: Derek Teeter (Husch Blackwell)

The Law of Religious Liberty and Higher Education

Room G: Lynn Rossi Scott (Brackett & Ellis)

COVID and Personnel Issues

1pm Sessions

Room H: Katie Anderson & Pete Thompson (Clark Hill)

The Legal Evolution of DEI, Protected Classes, and Disparate Impact

Room I: Jennifer Cowley (University of North Texas) & Renaldo Stowers (UNT System)

COVID Related Legal Issues

Tuesday – November 2

10am Sessions

Room J: Danielle Dary & Jackie Wernz (Thompson & Horton)
Is What's Old New Again? OCR Enforcement Under the Biden Administration

Room K: Ashley Wheelis & Maureen “Moe” McGuinness (University of North Texas)
FERPA in the Virtual World: What We Have Learned from the Pandemic Intersecting with FERPA

11am Sessions

Room L: Renee McNamara & Maureen “Moe” McGuinness (University of North Texas)
COVID's Impact on Student Mental Health from the Dean of Student's Perspective

Room M: Ah Ra Cho (Independent Scholar)
Assessment Issues in COVID Times

Room Alpha: Ross Mitchell (Praesidium)
Mitigating the Risk of Abuse in Residence Halls, Camps, and Third-Party Programs

12pm Sessions:

Room N: David Nguyen (Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis)
Legal Update on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Implications for Undocumented Students

Room O: Kim Novak (NovakTalks)
Lesson Learned: Maintaining a Robust Student Experience During Covid

1pm Sessions

Room P: Katy Washington (University of North Texas)
Unmasking the Disability-Related Legal and Ethical Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Higher Education

Room Q: David Nguyen (Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis) & Matthew Besmer (State Center Community College District)
Meriwether v. Hartop: Faculty Speech with Sincerely-held Religious Beliefs and Implications for Higher Education

Room R: Christine Hubbard (North Texas Community College Consortium)
Community College COVID Issues

Wednesday – November 3

10am Sessions

Room S: Neal Hutchens (University of Mississippi)
Selected Issues on Critical Race Theory at the University

Room T: Zachary Taylor (Texas State University), Patricia Somers (University of Texas at Austin), & Corey Benson (University of Texas – Permian Basin)
One Pandemic Later: How SB212 Has Affected Texas' Postsecondary Institutions

Room U: Yi Leaf Zhang (University of Texas at Arlington) & Rosalind Latiner Raby (California State University Northridge)
Pre- and Post-Covid-19: Discovering Impact of Federal Policies and Laws on International Students

11am Sessions

Room V: Kathleen Conn (King, Spry, Herman, Freund & Faul)
Mahanoy Area School District v. B.L.: Scalia's "Ghoul" in A Different Context?

Room W: Zachary Taylor (Texas State University), Patricia Somers, & Lori McNabb (University of Texas at Austin)
Collaborative Behavior or Collusion?: Investigating the Blurred Lines of Academic Collaboration Among College Students

Room Beta: Makenzie Schiemann (The National Association for Behavioral Intervention and Threat Assessment) & Scott Lewis (TNG Consulting)
Behavioral Intervention and Threat Assessment: Importance of Objective Risk Assessment

12pm Session

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Noah Lelek and the Interactive Theatre Troupe (Texas Woman's University)
Diversity at the University

1pm Sessions

Room X: Andrew Little & Jonathan Stewart (Abilene Christian University)
Name, Image, and Likeness Legal Developments

Room Y: W. Scott Lewis (TNG Consulting)
Town Hall Questions & Answers

Room Z: Kathleen Conn (King, Spry, Herman, Freund & Faul)
Update on 2020 Title IX Regulations