

Title IX & Sexual Harassment: School Complaints, OCR Complaints, and Litigation
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Elizabeth Tang (Moderator)

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Elizabeth is an education civil rights attorney at the National Women's Law Center, where she focuses on ending sexual harassment in schools through know-your-rights education for students and families; policy advocacy at the federal, state, and school district levels; and litigation on behalf of student survivors against their schools and against the Trump administration. Before joining NWLC, she interned at the American Civil Liberties Union and the U.S. Senate and worked at Apne Aap Women's Collective in Mumbai, India. Elizabeth received her JD/MBA from the University of Pennsylvania and her B.A. from Harvard College.



Alexandra Brodsky (Panelist)

Staff Attorney, Public Justice (she/her)

Alexandra is a staff attorney at Public Justice, where she litigates high-impact cases concerning civil rights abuses in school and the criminal legal system. Before joining Public Justice, Alexandra clerked for the Honorable Marsha S. Berzon of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and worked to end discriminatory school push out at the National Women's Law Center, where she was a Skadden Fellow. She previously served as a founding co-director of Know Your IX, a youth-led organization combating gender violence in schools. Alexandra received her B.A. from Yale College and her J.D. from Yale Law School. She has published widely on issues related to Title IX and sexual assault, and is the author of *Sexual Justice: Supporting Victims, Ensuring Due Process, and Resisting the Conservative Backlash* (Metropolitan Books/Henry Holt 2021).



Shiwali Patel (Panelist)

Director of Justice for Students Survivors & Senior Counsel, National Women's Law Center (she/her)

Shiwali Patel is a Title IX civil rights attorney and leads the Center's advocacy addressing sexual harassment in schools. Previously, she was at the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), where she worked on civil rights policy and legal guidance interpreting Title IX's anti-discrimination protections, including schools' responsibilities in responding to sexual harassment, protections for transgender students, and the rights of girls of color. Before joining OCR, Shiwali was an Administrative Judge and investigator at the U.S. Department of Energy, a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia in the Sex Offense and Domestic Violence Unit, and a law clerk to the Honorable Laura A. Cordero at the Superior Court for the District of Columbia. She also served as the Board President of the Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP). Prior to law school, Shiwali was a community educator at the District of Columbia Rape Crisis Center.



Cari Simon (Panelist)

Attorney, The Fierberg National Law Group, PLLC (she/her)

Cari Simon is a leading Title IX attorney representing survivors of sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, and sexual harassment in University and K–12 settings nationwide. Ms. Simon graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School and clerked for a judge on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Ms. Simon has been credited with the inclusion of stalking and dating violence in the definition of sexual harassment under Title IX, and her impact litigation ensured universities are responsible under Title IX for sexual violence at fraternity houses. Ms. Simon represents scores of survivors, both women and men, from elementary school to Ph.D. students, to faculty and staff. She represents survivors in school and campus grievance proceedings and in obtaining remedies and accommodations to ensure student-survivors may safely and fully access the benefits of their education — ensuring their civil rights are protected and fulfilled. Ms. Simon also represents survivors in Title IX litigation against Universities and has assisted survivors in filing complaints leading to federal investigations by the Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, and Clery Compliance Division. Ms. Simon formerly directed the United States Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus, advises gender-based violence legislative efforts in numerous states, and was appointed to the Sexual Misconduct Advisory Committee by the Colorado Department of Higher Education. Ms. Simon's work has been featured in The New York Times, The Washington Post, National Public Radio ("NPR"), Good Morning America, and various other media outlets.