

Education

Education-sector organizations must manage law compliance in an environment more complex, intense, and variable than in bygone days.

Education institutions face financial pressure, heightened regulatory burdens and government enforcement, keen competition, increased internationalism, and fast-paced technological opportunities and risks. We are attuned to these issues.

At Hogan Lovells, our cross-practice global team of lawyers in the United States, Europe, Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, and Asia helps you understand and manage emerging legal developments in the education sector. We stay on top of these developments and help you identify strategic solutions to advance your goals and objectives.

From regulatory compliance and transactional negotiation to intellectual property protection and representation in disputes, we provide you with innovative, multidisciplinary, and global education-related advice and representation.

Representative experience

Advised several universities on establishment and operation of comprehensive degree-granting campuses abroad, including in China and the Middle East.

Advised a Middle East institution on governance, transactional, regulatory, and intellectual property issues.

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Areas of focus

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Advised on establishment of sites in Africa & Asia for university sponsored projects involving clinical programs, collaborative research, and humanitarian assistance.

Advised universities on, and negotiated agreements related to, international education initiatives such as study abroad centers, student exchange programs, and dual and joint degree programs.

Defended a university against claims by a donor's heirs that the institution misused the donor's gift.

Defended a leading research institution in a False Claims Act matter involving more than US\$1bn in federal grants from several agencies.

Advised an education institution on consumer protection related investigations by an attorney general and the Federal Trade Commission.

Represented a nonprofit university in a FCA lawsuit against it and its distance education service provider alleging violation of the Higher Education Act incentive payment rule.

Advised many leading universities on board, faculty, administrative staff, and student governance practices and policies.

Served as transaction and education regulatory counsel in an affiliation between a nonprofit university and a nonprofit health professions school for a pathway program and other initiatives.

Served as transaction and education regulatory counsel for the buyer of a health professions school.

Served as education regulatory counsel in an affiliation between, and subsequent merger of, two nonprofit higher education institutions.

Advised mandated lead arrangers on the US\$360m take-private of a British company with schools throughout Asia by a global private equity firm.

Advised colleges and universities on, and negotiated, contracts

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Institutions

Student Financial Aid

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and Fraud

Privacy and Cybersecurity

Tax

with third parties providing support services for distance education programs.

Advised numerous institutions on responses to adverse accreditation actions.

Advised non-U.S. institutions on compliance with U.S. federal student financial aid requirements.

Represented higher education institutions and associations in proceedings before the NLRB concerning its jurisdiction over religious-affiliated institutions.

Education regulatory counsel to the target in an acquisition of an education company that provides alternative programs for students with behavioral, emotional, and academic issues.

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Student and Exchange Visitor Program guidance on COVID-19 and nonimmigrant students on F and M visas