

Higher education institutions undertake increasingly more sophisticated financing transactions, face headline risk, and address litigation and financial pressure, now more than ever with the onset of COVID-19. Orrick's Higher Education Focus Group features attorneys from multiple practice areas and geographies, uniquely positioned to advise our clients on a broad range of legal issues.



WHO WE ARE

We are a global law firm with over 20 offices, including in New York, California, Texas, the District of Columbia and the Pacific Northwest. Our 1,000+ lawyers have leading insight and nationwide experience in the areas of finance, restructuring, real estate, corporate, white collar and securities litigation, insurance recovery, supreme court & appellate, employment and cybersecurity. In addition, Orrick combines the experience of a top-notch energy and infrastructure team, a highly-ranked securitization team and the #1 public finance practice to advise clients on all aspects of debt financing, potential P3 transactions or securitization of assets

WHAT WE DO

We have market leading transaction practices to assist our clients with their complex financing needs. We also counsel clients on the things that keep them up at night, including issues around cybersecurity, financial covenants and employment. And when things go wrong, such as when regulators come knocking or when lawsuits are filed, we mobilize our litigation and white collar teams to see our clients through. Finally, when the unexpected occurs, we mobilize quickly to address our clients' needs such as through the formation of our firmwide, cross-practice COVID-19 Task Force. (For more information, please refer to Orrick's [COVID-19 Resource Page.](#))

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HIGHER EDUCATION FOCUS GROUP

Understanding the wide range of legal matters faced by colleges and universities, Orrick's higher education attorneys have years of experience in the educational sector, having served as outside counsel to a variety of higher education institutions and affiliated organizations.

PUBLIC FINANCE

Ranked by Thomson Reuters as the number one bond counsel firm in the U.S. since 1998. Our higher education clients include:



CYBER, PRIVACY & DATA INNOVATION

From managing complex global privacy and data protection advisory matters, to responding to litigation and regulatory investigations, we help universities and EdTech companies navigate the increasingly complex landscape around cybersecurity and privacy. Our clients include:



COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

Orrick is a go-to destination firm for high-stakes litigation. Our litigation group was recently a finalist for Litigation Department of the Year in The American Lawyer, and we have been named a "Litigation Powerhouse" by Law360.



CORPORATE AND TECHNOLOGY

Globally ranked #3 for venture capital financings by Pitchbook, our technology practice supports 2700+ companies, service providers and 100+ investors in a wide range of services from formation, financings, partnerships, strategic M&A and licensing transactions. Our Higher Education clients include:



RESTRUCTURING

Our Restructuring lawyers work closely with our public finance team on advice for high education institutions. In addition, our lawyers have provided advice to institutions who may be experiencing some form of financial distress.

P3/ENERGY & INFRASTRUCTURE

Orrick is a market leader in PPAs and related transactions. This experience extends to higher education. Our clients include:



EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION LAW

We advise and litigate on behalf of organizations on labor and employment matters involving pay equity, discrimination, and faculty tenure, as well as Title IX sexual harassment and athletics matters, OCR proceedings, and diversity in admissions and other student programs. Our clients include:



REAL ESTATE

Our Real Estate team has decades of experience advising on mixed-use development transactions in California and across the United States, with a distinct focus on higher education developments. Our clients include:



WHITE COLLAR & SECURITIES LITIGATION

We have handled multiple important litigation and white collar matters for the University of California over the past four years. This experience positions us with an understanding of the unique demands involved with litigating cases for universities.



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Our Intellectual Property team has a proven track record of success in cutting-edge and high-profile litigation. And for every IP matter we've taken to trial and won, there are many other trials we've avoided through effective counseling and negotiation. A few of our clients in the higher education space include:

