



Use of Attorneys in Student Disciplinary Proceedings

CSU [Student Conduct Process](#), Article II. General Provisions, Section C. Advisors:

Both the Complainant and the Student charged may elect to be accompanied by an Advisor of their choice, subject to the limitations set forth in this section, to any meetings, conferences, interviews, or hearings.

Any witnesses who are alleged to be victims of the Discrimination, Harassment, Retaliation, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking at issue may likewise elect to be accompanied by an Advisor of their choice.

In cases involving Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation based on Gender, including Sex Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking, the Complainant may elect to have a Sexual Assault Victim's Advocate or an attorney as an Advisor. Likewise, in such matters, the Student charged may elect to have an attorney as an Advisor.

Student conduct proceedings are not meant to be formal court-like trials. Although University-related sanctions may be imposed, the process is intended to provide an opportunity for learning. Whoever is selected as an Advisor is limited to observing and consulting with, and providing support to, the Complainant, witness, or Student charged. An Advisor may not speak on a Student's or Complainant's behalf.

In proceedings that do not involve allegations of Discrimination, Harassment, Retaliation, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, or Stalking, each Campus president determines by Campus directive whether attorneys are permitted to be present in all or some Student conduct proceedings.

Notwithstanding any Campus directive, attorneys may attend hearings as Advisors: (a) where there are pending criminal charges arising out of the same facts that are the subject of the disciplinary proceeding; or (b) where expulsion is a possible sanction.

The Advisor may not be a person with information relevant to the allegations who may be interviewed or called upon to testify during any related investigation or hearing.

Any person who wishes to have an attorney present at the hearing as an Advisor must notify the Student Conduct Administrator in writing of the attorney's name, address, and phone number at least 5 Working Days prior to the hearing.