Institutional Litigation Policy

It is the responsibility of an institution to inform the Commission of any litigation or legal actions with parties other than WSCUC that are pending at the time of a reaffirmation or other review by the Commission and that could affect the ability of the institution to meet Commission Standards and policies. It is the policy of the Commission not to become involved in litigation within an institution. The Commission is not an adjudicatory agency, and it is not the role or function of the Commission to arrive at any determination regarding the merits of any aspect of pending litigation. The Commission’s focus remains at all times on assessing compliance with the Standards and assisting institutions in the improvement of quality. Accordingly, while neither the Commission, nor its representatives, will comment on the merits of any aspect of pending litigation, they may inquire of the institution about the potential effect of litigation on the institution’s continuing ability to meet the Standards and policies.

Examples of possible institutional litigation or legal actions that require notification to WSCUC include but are not limited to an action taken by any court, grand jury, government or law enforcement agency or charge, or indictment, in a civil or criminal proceeding, alleging fraud, misappropriation or criminal acts.

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