

Stephanie J. Gold

Partner

Washington, D.C.

Biography

Stephanie Gold heads the firm's widely recognized national and international Education practice. For over 20 years she has worked with universities, colleges, independent schools, education associations, education companies, and investors to solve a range of legal and regulatory challenges.

No matter the context – counseling, transactions, litigation, or government investigations – Stephanie brings to bear her extensive knowledge of legal and regulatory requirements pertinent to education sector clients. Stephanie helps clients navigate rules and procedures related to student financial aid, veterans education benefits, military tuition assistance, accreditation, and education licensure. Stephanie advises clients on compliance with nondiscrimination laws, campus security requirements, and privacy and data security laws.

Stephanie is attuned to education sector dynamics and is current with federal education policy developments. With their mission and culture in mind, she guides clients through distance education initiatives, mergers and acquisitions, cross-border transactions, overseas activities, and institutional reorganizations. Stephanie counsels on faculty and student matters, voluntary disclosures to the government, and policy and procedure development. Stephanie works to resolve enforcement matters with an approach that fosters positive relationships with regulators.

Stephanie is an active member of the National



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Languages

English

Practices

Education

Industries

Education

Areas of focus

Accreditation and State Licensure

Civil Rights Compliance

Distance Education

International Programs

Governance

Association of College and University Attorneys. Stephanie regularly speaks and writes on higher education law developments. She was Editor in Chief of the *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform*, and she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Cornelia G. Kennedy of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Representative experience

Served as education regulatory counsel to private equity firms and other buyers in acquisitions of post-secondary education companies.

Represents universities in U.S. Department of Education program reviews and audits related to federal student financial aid programs.

Represented numerous universities and lender in state attorneys general investigations related to student loans, health insurance, and credit cards.

Prepared comments for education company on U.S. Department of Education proposed rules on gainful employment programs and cash management.

Advises universities and colleges on campus sexual misconduct policies and procedures.

Advised numerous universities on arrangements with distance education service providers, including with respect to incentive payment regulation.

Represented university in successful appeal of adverse accreditation decision.

Represents countries in connection with U.S. Department of Education recognition of foreign medical school accreditation standards and procedures.

Awards and rankings

- Education, *Legal 500 U.S.*, 2021-2022
- Education Law, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2012-2020
- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2018-2020

Student Financial Aid

Government Investigations

Labor and Employment Matters in Education Institutions

Cell, Tissue, and Gene Therapies

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., cum laude, University of Michigan Law School, 1996

A.B., Brown University, with honors, 1991

Memberships

Member, National Association of College and University Attorneys

Member, National Association of College and University Business Officers

Member, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

New York

Massachusetts (inactive)

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - FTC's proposed ban of employer non-competes: Are non-profits exempt?
- News
 - Evaluation of transcript withholding practices in the U.S. relation to recent CFPB report
- News
 - Updated U.S. Department of Education guidance on Section 117 Foreign Gift and Contract requirements
- News
 - Department of Education releases long-awaited Title IX proposal
- Insights and Analysis
 - NSPM-33 guidance: key considerations for federally-funded research institutions
- News
 - New veterans education law reinstates foreign student recruitment carve-out to incentive payment ban