

Successful Strategies to Combat Sexual Abuse in College and Professional Athletics



After the Larry Nassar case, Attorney Deborah Daniels authored a landmark report with recommendations for modifying the USA Gymnastics rules to prevent sexual abuse from occurring in the future. In this session, Attorney Daniels will discuss this report and will provide the participants with insight into her extensive experience with Title IX based upon her work as a U.S. Attorney. In addition, Attorney Claire Konopa Aigotti, General Counsel for Butler University will discuss the policies that the university has implemented to prevent sexual abuse from occurring in college athletics.

Speakers:



Deborah J. Daniels, J.D., Attorney, Krieg DeVault LLP

Deborah J. Daniels is an attorney with and former Managing Partner of Krieg DeVault LLP, a law firm headquartered in Indianapolis. She has extensive experience in criminal and civil investigations; her current practice focuses on corporate compliance and internal corporate investigations as well as Title IX advisory work. In 2017, she conducted an in-depth review of USA Gymnastics with regard to protecting young athletes from sexual abuse, resulting in a comprehensive set of recommendations for significant change now used by USA Gymnastics as a blueprint for improvements (the “Daniels Report”).

Ms. Daniels served as the Presidentially-appointed United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana and later as the Presidentially-appointed Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, where she managed the research and grant-making office of the Department, with a \$4.2 billion budget. She was the first national AMBER Alert Coordinator.

Ms. Daniels is a former member of the board of the National Center for State Courts, and a former President of the Sagamore Institute, an Indianapolis-based think tank.

She received a B.A., with honors, from DePauw University; and a J.D., *cum laude*, from the McKinney School of Law, Indiana University.



Claire Konopa Aigotti, General Counsel, Butler University

Claire Konopa Aigotti became Butler University's first General Counsel in August, 2013. As the General Counsel, she provides advice on all University legal matters, including those related to human resources and employment, student policies and discipline, Title IX, business negotiations and contracts, real estate, litigation and risk management. She oversees all EEOC complaints, Office of Civil Rights complaints, and litigation.

Ms. Aigotti previously served as Associate General Counsel at the University of Notre Dame where she led the Litigation and Student Issues team for the Office of General Counsel.

From 1996 through 2007, Ms. Aigotti was a partner at the law firm Konopa, Reagan and Aigotti, P.C. where she devoted her time to a variety of civil litigation matters.

After graduating from Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1993, Ms. Aigotti received her juris doctor degree from St. Thomas University School of Law in 1996.