

# Denver Trial Lawyers Attains Largest Title IX Settlement in Colorado History

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Sexual Assault and Harassment in Education: The Disturbing Truth

For over 45 years, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 has guaranteed students the right to be free from sexual assault and harassment in school.

Despite this protection, sexual assault and harassment remain widespread problems in schools throughout the United States. Every year, students in K-12, and at colleges and universities, fall victim to sexual assault and harassment by teachers, administrators, and other students.

The unfortunate truth is that many educational institutions and school districts choose to ignore or cover-up known, inappropriate behavior of teachers and administrators. According to the American Association of University Women (AAUW), 89% of universities and 79% of middle and high schools (grades 7-12) reported zero occurrences of sexual assault and harassment. Numerous studies reveal that these numbers don't represent the truth, and many institutions fail to disclose reported incidents.

Equally alarming is the fact that schools and school districts often make it difficult for victims of sexual assault and harassment to come forward.

The expert Title IX attorneys at Denver Trial Lawyers are experienced at exposing sexual assault cover-ups and obtaining justice for victims of sexual assault and harassment in schools.

**Largest School Sexual Assault Settlement in Colorado History**

Dan Sloane and Mike Kane recently attained the largest settlement in Colorado history for an individual victim of sexual assault by a teacher, holding both the school district and its insurer, responsible.

When the decision by school administrators to ignore and cover-up numerous incidents of inappropriate behavior by a teacher led to the sexual assault of a young student, the family contacted Dan for help. With Mike's experience as a prosecutor and Dan's tenacity to see justice for the young sexual assault victim, Dan

and Mike embarked on an almost two-year investigation into the school and the district. Through their analysis of thousands of documents and interviews with witnesses and law enforcement officials, Dan and Mike put together a case so persuasive that the school district and its insurer were compelled to settle, rather than risk taking the case to trial.

While the particulars of the case are confidential to protect the client, this complicated case dates back to 2007. Dan and Mike uncovered, the school district knew that a teacher was acting inappropriately with female students. The school district did not take any meaningful action to protect its students from this predator. Dan and Mike were able to prove the district violated their client's Title IX rights, forcing the district and its insurer to pay the largest settlement ever paid in Colorado to an individual victim of sexual assault by a teacher.

Those who are a victim of sexual assault or harassment in school are encouraged to contact Dan and Mike at the Denver Trial Lawyers. They will meet with interested parties free of charge to discuss their rights and explain how they may help. Schedule a consultation today to get started on the case.

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