



The Benefits of Membership

What is NACUA?

The National Association of College and University Attorneys is the leading higher education law organization and is the primary source of information on developments in the field. Built on over 50 years of strong membership participation since its founding in 1960, NACUA has assisted institutions of higher learning by providing members with a broad range of services designed to assist college and university counsel with identifying, analyzing, resolving, and preventing legal problems on their campus.

As the legal issues affecting higher education institutions grow in complexity, breadth, and scope, college and university attorneys can look to NACUA to keep abreast of this rapidly changing practice environment and to gain valuable insight and expertise from their fellow higher education attorneys.



Identify. Analyze. Resolve. Prevent.

Who are NACUA's Members?

- More than 700 institutions, encompassing more than 1,500 campuses and over 3,800 attorneys.
- In-house counsel, attorneys in private practice, attorneys general, and other legal specialists.
- Accredited public and private non-profit institutions, both two-year and four-year.
- A vast array of institutions from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, Canada, Australia, Afghanistan, Central Asia and other countries around the world.



What is the value of NACUA Membership?

The true value of NACUA membership for an institution and its attorney representatives is the ability to access programs and services. As a member, you also gain access to over 3,800 higher education attorneys to help solve problems and discuss current issues that will keep you up-to-date on legal topics of interest. Whether you attend an educational program, join a committee, or participate in online discussions with your peers, a NACUA membership is essential to your daily practice.

NACUA's extensive resources, publications, live and virtual educational programming, Legal Reference Service, and members-only listserv provide comprehensive, timely information in all areas of college and university law. Member institutions and their attorney representatives have the ability to gain immediate access to resources that help in identifying, analyzing, resolving, and preventing legal problems on their campuses.

NACUA's resources give attorneys access to more information faster than ever before, saving you and your institution both time and expense. Members regularly respond to requests for assistance through the members-only listserv, NACUANET. Members also often need an extra hand with research. NACUA employs law clerks who are always willing and able to provide information pertinent in addressing concerns and issues facing colleges and universities. A telephone call or e-mail to NACUA's staff or another member can now accomplish what previously required hours of costly and time-consuming legal research time.



Member Benefits & Services

Identify.

Whether you attend an educational program, post to NACUANET, peruse the Legal Reference Service, or volunteer on a committee, a NACUA membership will assist you in your daily practice

Networking Connecting with other higher education attorneys is what being a NACUA member is all about. We offer many ways to help facilitate the interactions of like-minded colleagues through live and virtual meetings, volunteering, NACUANET - a members-only listserv, small group conference calls, affinity groups, and NACUALINK – an online professional networking site.

NACUANET This members-only listserv is among our most valuable membership resource, with over 2,300 subscribing member attorneys and more than 70,000 messages in the searchable listserv archive. With access to NACUANET, individuals can pose questions to the membership on any topic and often receive thoughtful responses immediately. This forum is for members who want to be in the know on the latest “hot topic” higher education legal issues!

Volunteer Becoming a NACUA volunteer is a great way to connect with colleagues. The rich diversity of NACUA members' backgrounds, coupled with NACUA member attorneys' willingness to support programs and services, contributes directly to the strength of NACUA's educational programming.

NACUA is unique in the number of volunteers who play an active role in the organization. Members serve on committees, help plan or speak at educational programs, and write, edit, and share publications.

NACUALINK This professional networking site gives members the opportunity to connect via Web 2.0 with colleagues around the world. This online platform greatly enhances the ability of members to form specialized electronic discussion and interest groups, post documents to the document libraries, update their profile, create legal blogs, and connect to members with ease.

Analyze.





Resolve.

Education & Professional Development NACUA offers higher education attorneys professional development opportunities to further their knowledge and to advance their effective practice. As a member, you receive access to a variety of continuing legal education opportunities each year.

NACUA offers several live and virtual meetings each year, including the Annual Conference, Spring and Fall CLE Workshops, Virtual Seminars, and Online Courses. All educational programs are submitted for continuing legal education credit, which is included as part of registration fees. The presentations from most educational programs are also captured on CD-ROM, and attendees receive a complimentary copy as part of their registration.

Annual Conference This event covers major areas of higher education practice and each year attracts hundreds of college and university attorneys from across the country and worldwide. The conference typically includes more than 70 concurrent sessions that are led by experienced higher education practitioners. The conference also affords attorneys the opportunity to share formal and informal insights and expertise with colleagues, nationally and internationally, and provides an abundance of networking opportunities. NACUA members receive a discount on registration fees.

Workshop for Lawyers New to Higher Education

Held each year in advance of the Annual Conference, this specialized workshop provides a concentrated orientation to higher education law for individuals just entering the field.

CLE Workshops The Continuing Legal Education Workshops assist in keeping members current in specific, important areas of the law affecting colleges and universities by providing up-to-date legal information from practitioners with real “hands-on” experience and it also gives member attorneys the opportunity to interact with colleagues whose institutions have the same challenges and concerns.

Virtual Seminars These two-hour virtual educational programs are for both member attorneys and their administrators to participate without leaving their campus. Virtual seminars focus on a “hot topic” issue in a timely and effective manner that appeal to both attorneys and their clients.

Online Courses Online courses give participants in-depth coverage of important issues in the practice of higher education law. Each four-week course features PowerPoint presentations narrated by course instructors, extensive course materials, self-assessments, a course discussion board and instructor-led conference calls. NACUA's online courses give participants the opportunity to interact with the course instructors as well as with other higher education attorneys.

General Counsel Resources & Institute NACUA

offers dedicated online resource materials developed specifically for new and veteran General Counsel. The resources include the role of the General Counsel, office management, benchmarking, compliance, ethics, and more. In addition, NACUA also offers the General Counsel Institute, a biannual program designed specifically to address the concerns and issues facing the in-house General Counsel of a college or university.



Online Resources There is no need to reinvent the wheel. NACUA offers resources for member attorneys that assist in running a more efficient office. The NACUA Legal Reference Service staff members continually add to existing resources by tracking current legislation and case law, and by gathering relevant documents submitted by member attorneys or published by other members of the higher education community.

Legal Reference Service (LRS) This unique national clearinghouse provides comprehensive, timely information on college and university legal issues. The LRS includes thousands of documents and samples, contracts, policies, briefs, cases, outlines, articles, lists of resources, and other materials.

Clearinghouse of Training Materials The clearinghouse is a compilation of institutional training and resource materials culled from member institutions, third-party providers and other associations. It is intended to assist NACUA members in designing and developing ways to further the practice of preventative law. The materials are categorized according to topical areas and by the type of resource provided.

NACUANOTES These short, concise and practical summaries of common or recent important developments in higher education law on a specific topic of interest are sent to members via email on a frequent basis. They provide members with practical information on specific issues in a format that can be adapted for and distributed to campus administrators.

New Case Highlights in Higher Education In partnership with West, NACUA provides the most current higher education cases and other relevant legal information to members weekly via email. Members can access the full text of selected cases and documents, free of charge.

Publications NACUA members have free access to a variety of special e-pamphlets, e-monographs, compendia, and other resources of interest to both higher education attorneys and campus administrators.

Journal of College and University Law (JCUL) The Journal of College and University Law is the only national law review devoted exclusively to higher education law. Published jointly by NACUA and the University of Notre Dame School of Law, the JCUL includes articles, commentaries, legal developments, book reviews, and occasional papers from NACUA's educational programs. JCUL is distributed via email three times per year to members, free of charge.



Join NACUA Today






By applying for NACUA membership, you ensure access to NACUA's members-only resources and the Legal Reference Service, as well as eligibility to attend conferences and seminars at discounted member rates.

Mission To advance the effective practice of higher education attorneys for the benefit of the colleges and universities they serve.

Guiding Principles NACUA is organized to assist higher education attorneys in representing and advising their client institutions. To achieve this purpose, NACUA and its member volunteers will:

- Help member attorneys provide high quality and responsive legal services and information to institutions of higher education
- Deliver services that allow member attorneys to provide effective counsel to colleges and universities in the areas of administration, policy and ethics
- Support a learning environment for professional development of its member attorneys and help them to maintain the highest professional and ethical standards
- Work to improve the understanding of legal issues and to enhance the role of NACUA and its member attorneys in the higher education community

Core Values NACUA and its member institutions and attorneys are committed to practicing and promoting the core values of quality, service, civility, collegiality, diversity, inclusiveness, and respect.




Enhance your professional career by developing and strengthening your knowledge in higher education law to make informed decisions for your institution—become a NACUA Member!

Membership categories include:

- Institutional Membership
- Associate Institutional Membership
- Associate Individual Membership

For more information, please contact NACUA's Membership Department at 202-833-8390 or via email at membership@nacua.org.



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