



What this training session will cover:

Disparate Treatment and Impact

The Role of the Investigator in Process A & B

Evidence and Relevance

Features of Informal Resolution in Process A & B

Features of Hearings [Process B]

Disparate Treatment

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Disparate Impact

Disparate impact occurs when a facially neutral policy or practice has a disproportionately adverse effect on a protected group.

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Role of the Investigator

[Process A & B]

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The Department declines to add a reasonable cause threshold into § 106.45. The very purpose of the § 106.45 grievance process is to ensure that accurate determinations regarding responsibility are reached, impartially and based on objective evaluation of relevant evidence; the Department believes that goal could be impeded if a recipient's administrators were to pass judgment on the sufficiency of evidence to decide if reasonable or probable cause justifies completing an investigation.



What does the Investigator Do? In Both Process A & B

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What does the Investigator Do?

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What does the Investigator Do? In Process B



Evidence and Relevance [Process B Focus]

§ 106.45 (1)(iii) Grievance process for formal complaints of sexual harassment.

“A recipient must ensure that *decision-makers* receive training on . . . issues of relevance of questions and evidence, including when questions and evidence about the complainant’s sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant”

“A recipient also must ensure that *investigators* receive training on issues of relevance to create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence”

§ 106.45 (1)(ii) Grievance process for formal complaints of sexual harassment.

“(1)Basic requirements for grievance process. A recipient’s grievance process must—

. . . .

(ii) Require an objective evaluation of all relevant evidence - including both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence -

(emphasis added)

. . . § 106.45 does not set parameters around the “quality” of evidence that can be *relied* on, § 106.45 does prescribe that all relevant evidence, inculpatory and exculpatory, whether obtained by the recipient from a party or from another source, *must be objectively evaluated* by investigators and decision-makers free from conflicts of interest or bias and who have been



Exculpatory Evidence

Evidence tending to establish a defendant's innocence.

Evidentiary Standard

Using a

, and considering relevant definitions in the Policy, the hearing panel weighs the evidence to determine whether the Respondent violated the Policy.

50.01% likelihood or 50% and a feather

Which side do you fall on?

Contrast this with

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Definition of “Relevant”

evidence tending to prove or disprove the matter at issue or under discussion.

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Prior Sexual History/Sexual Predisposition

Id. at 30103 (emphasis added).

Rape Shield Language

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Consent and Rape Shield Language

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Id. at 30352 (emphasis added).

Features of Informal Resolution [Processes A & B]



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Features of a Hearing [Process B only]

Hearing Notification

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Hearing Procedures

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