About Us

The Higher Education Legal Division is composed of five (5) attorneys and one (1) support staff member.

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Limitations of Representation

Attorneys within the Higher Education Legal Division are generalists. Each attorney within the Higher Education Legal Division has primary responsibility for representing state funded colleges, universities, and community and technical colleges in grievances, human rights complaints, unemployment, writs and other types of litigation for which damages are not sought against the institution. In addition, the division
answers general legal questions which the various state funded colleges, universities, and community and Techical colleges may have.

The Higher Education Legal Division does not give private advice to individual students, faculty, staff, private institutions of higher education, nor the general public.

Any state funded college, university or
community and technical college wishing to request representation in a legal matter should
complete the “Request for Representation Form ”
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