



The ADA/504 Survival Kit for Colleges and Universities: Lessons Learned from Federal Investigations

Katherine McGuinness is co-presenting "The ADA/504 Survival Kit" at two upcoming conferences.

- [National Association of College and University Business Officials](#) (NACUBO), June 28-30, in Boston, MA. The NACUBO presentation is 1.5 hours.
- [Society of College and University Planners](#) (SCUP), July 18, in Portland, OR. The SCUP presentation is a 5-hour pre-conference workshop.

For college administrators, architects, and attorneys, the ADA/504 Survival Kit will give you hard-earned experience from colleges and universities who have entered into ADA settlement agreements with the U.S. Department of Justice.

Having a federal agency investigate your campus accessibility is - at best- a distraction, and often leads to expensive modifications on aggressive schedules. This session is an opportunity to learn from those who have been investigated how to avoid one, and what to do if you are. It will outline how to develop proactive planning and management strategies to improve campus accessibility and avoid complaint, and mitigate risk in the event of an investigation. We will:

- 1. Review the key elements of settlements reached by the U.S. Departments of Justice and Education and several colleges/universities.*
- 2. Present a case study of one investigation, settlement agreement, and implementation.*
- 3. Describe the key components of a campus access plan, including access audits, architectural barrier removal plans, employment, emergency evacuation, parking, transportation, effective communication, project management, and budgets.*
- 4. Outline a planning process to develop a campus access plan. Show how to develop contract language and construction management processes that will insure that new construction/alteration is compliant to avoid future liability.*
- 5. Describe an effective Disability Management System that coordinates campus resources to provide appropriate services, monitoring, feedback, and reports.*

Co-Presenters:

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[NACUBO](#): Advance Rates apply April 1, 2009 through May 31, 2009 (Onsite Rates apply after June 1, 2009). [Save by registering before April 20th!](#)

[SCUP](#): Early bird registration ends May 8th. [Register now and save!](#)