

Wigdor LLP Represents Sexual Assault Victims In Title IX Lawsuit Against John Jay College Of Criminal Justice

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On Monday, June 10, 2019, Wigdor LLP filed a lawsuit on behalf of Plaintiffs Claudia Cojocar and Naomi Haber against John Jay College of Criminal Justice ("John Jay"), which contains allegations of sexual assault, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, gender discrimination and retaliation in violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, New York State Human Rights Law, New York City Human Rights Law and the Gender Motivated Violence Act.

The lawsuit alleges that Ms. Cojocar and Ms. Haber were subjected to egregious sexual misconduct, sexual harassment and sexual assault at the hands of several professors while they were undergraduate students, and for Ms. Cojocar when she continued her affiliation with John Jay as an adjunct professor. As set forth in the Complaint, Ms. Cojocar and Ms. Haber filed internal complaints regarding this misconduct in May 2018 and thereafter John Jay investigated these allegations.

However, the Complaint details numerous serious problems in the manner the investigation was carried out, including demonstrable bias by the investigators, discouraging Ms. Cojocar and Ms. Haber from seeking legal representation, dragging out the investigation for more than a year and ignoring Ms. Cojocar and Ms. Haber's complaints regarding the investigation and the investigators. As alleged, despite being on actual knowledge of the inherent flaws in the investigation, John Jay repeatedly misrepresented to the community that the investigation was being conducted in a thorough and fair manner. Nonetheless, ultimately, numerous allegations of sexual misconduct were found to be substantiated by the investigation, according to the Complaint.

Today's [@nypost](#): lawsuit alleges that John Jay College of Criminal Justice created a "cesspool of sexism, misogyny, sexual harassment and illegal drug use," failed to properly investigate numerous allegations of sexual misconduct committed by professors. <https://t.co/5HLdfVffsa>
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Ms. Cojocar and Ms. Haber are represented by Wigdor LLP Founding Partner [Douglas H. Wigdor](#), Partners [David E. Gottlieb](#) and [Jeanne M. Christensen](#), and Associate [Hilary J. Orzick](#).

Statement from David E. Gottlieb, Partner at Wigdor LLP:

“John Jay must provide its students and faculty with an environment that is free from any form of sexual violence – period. John Jay has failed in this important obligation and has unfortunately sent a message that it is either unable or unwilling to adequately protect the members of its community.”

[Read the Full Complaint Here](#)**The Daily Beast**

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