



Executive Director Update August 11th Edition

From the Frontlines: An update from Brett A. Sokolow, Esq., Executive Director
A weekly column providing regular updates on the association and the field

From the Frontlines this week...

- Has anyone considered why so many of the students accused of sexual misconduct on our campuses have fathers (or parents) who are attorneys, especially criminal defense attorneys? This can't be a coincidence, right? There is probably a fascinating study of nature v. nurture somewhere in this factoid.
- Since this is perplexing me, I assume it is plaguing others too, so I'll mention it. Write reports in the past tense if you are describing past incidents. It is very strange to read all these reports written in the present tense for some reason, but describing things that happened previously. There is no reason to do this, and it is both distracting and factually inaccurate to make something seem like it is occurring in the present when it is not.
- And, since I am being crotchety, there is no reason to redact reports you share with me, or your legal counsel. Leave the names in. You're allowed to tell us. It will make it easier for us to follow your reports and save you the time of redacting the names out.
- We have a lot of new ATIXA content coming your way this fall. We planned to release more over the summer, but we waited and waited for a lull where our content wouldn't get lost amongst media accounts, cases, etc., but there has been no lull. In fact, the Title IX world can be busier in the summer than during the regular school year, in some ways. So, stay tuned for some new and very helpful work product from ATIXA this fall...
- I'll be taking a break from the Frontlines (and this column) from August 15-22 as I take my son Sebastien on our annual trip to Pebble Beach, California for Car Week. It's our big father-son trip for the year. I'm going to try to unplug except for emergencies, but Daniel will be monitoring the listserv and addressing member needs in my absence. Buckle up, fall is coming sooner than any of us is ready for...

Regards,

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