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(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(In reply, please refer to case no. 09-15-2324.)

Dear (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) 2015, the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), received your complaint against Stanford University (University). The complaint alleged that the University discriminated against your son based on sex when it failed to provide him an equitable resolution and appeal in a sexual assault complaint that was filed against him, and that was resolved in (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) 2014. For the reasons explained below, OCR is administratively closing your complaint.

OCR enforces Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 and its implementing regulation. Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities operated by recipients of Federal financial assistance. The University receives funds from the Department and is therefore subject to Title IX and its implementing regulation.

Pursuant to OCR Case Processing Manual Section 110(b)<sup>1</sup>, OCR will close the complaint allegations when the same allegations have been filed against the same recipient in state or federal court. On (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) 2016, OCR learned that your son had filed lawsuits in state and federal court raising the same allegations as those filed with OCR. For this reason, OCR is closing the complaint as of the date of this letter. An OCR complaint may be re-filed within 60 days following termination of the court proceeding if there has been no decision on the merits or settlement of the complaint allegations. This concludes OCR's consideration of your complaint.

Federal regulations prohibit the University from retaliating against a complainant or from intimidating, threatening, coercing, or harassing a complainant or anyone else because of a complaint filed with OCR, or because a complainant or anyone else takes part in the complaint resolution process.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, it may be necessary to release this document and related records upon request. In the event that OCR receives such a request, it will seek to

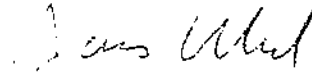
<sup>1</sup> The Case Processing Manual is available on line at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/ocrcpm.pdf>.

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protect, to the extent provided by law, personal information that, if released, could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy.

If you have any questions about this letter, please call Attorneys Gemini McCasland at (415) 486-5536 or Dana Isaac Quinn at (415) 486-5596.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Wood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

James Wood  
Team Leader