

## TITLE IX RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program.

"Responsible Employees", in their role under Title IX, are required to report all incidents of sexual violence and other sexual discrimination to the College. Additionally, "Responsible Employees" are required to advise students and employees of their right to file a complaint with the College, regardless of their desire to pursue an investigation with law enforcement. You may do so by contacting: *name of office or title of person, phone number, email if general physical address*

## CLERY/VAWA VICTIMS' RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

When a student or employee reports being the victim of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, whether on or off campus, the following options will be provided.

### 1. If dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking has occurred:

- Get to a safe place
- Report the Incident
  - Emergencies: 911
  - College police name and phone number here
  - Title IX contact info here
  - Student Affairs: phone number
  - List any other offices and corresponding phone numbers that a victim could report to at the College
- Preserve Evidence – Preserving evidence in all cases of sexual assault is imperative. For example, avoid showering, douching, eating, drinking, or brushing your teeth if at all possible, after a sexual assault; this could destroy evidence. Bedding or clothing worn during or after the assault should be preserved and collected by law enforcement. A forensic sexual assault exam may be conducted and the evidence stored even if you elect not to have law enforcement involvement.

- Law Enforcement Involvement – Victims have the right to notify police or decline police involvement. If the victim chooses to notify College or other law enforcement the College can assist with that notification.
- Temporary Protection Orders (TPO) and No Contact Orders (*if your College has no contact orders through student judiciary or HR, if no, then just list Temporary Protection Orders on the bullet*) A temporary protective order is a legal document issued by court to help victims obtain protection from persons abusing, harassing or stalking them. TPOs are issued through the Superior Court of the County in which the Perpetrator/Respondent resides. If the Respondent is not a resident of Georgia, the TPO may be issued in the County where the abuse occurred or where the Victim/Petitioner resides. (*if you have a No Contact Order at your college*) You may also request a "No Contact Order" from (*list office*) at your College if you feel threatened or unsafe.

### 2. Confidentiality

- GA Law – In accordance with Georgia Open Records Act the College Police will not release the name or identification of victims of rape.
- Mostly Confidential – The College will protect the identity of victims to the fullest extent possible. When a victim wishes to remain anonymous or not have their identity disclosed to a perpetrator, the College's ability to respond to the complaint may be limited.

### 3. Interim Measures Available

- The Title IX Coordinator (s) or Student Affairs representative can speak to you about possible changes to academic, living, transportation or working situations. These remedies may be made if they are reasonably available, regardless of whether or not you choose to report the incident of sexual misconduct or interpersonal violence to College Police or local law enforcement.

### 4. Code of Conduct

- Victims may choose to file conduct charges for violation of policy. Student Affairs representatives are available to guide you through the conduct process and answer any questions. (*insert Student Affairs office location and phone number*)

**Additional information regarding crime victims rights can be found in O.C.G.A. 17-17-1, et seq.**

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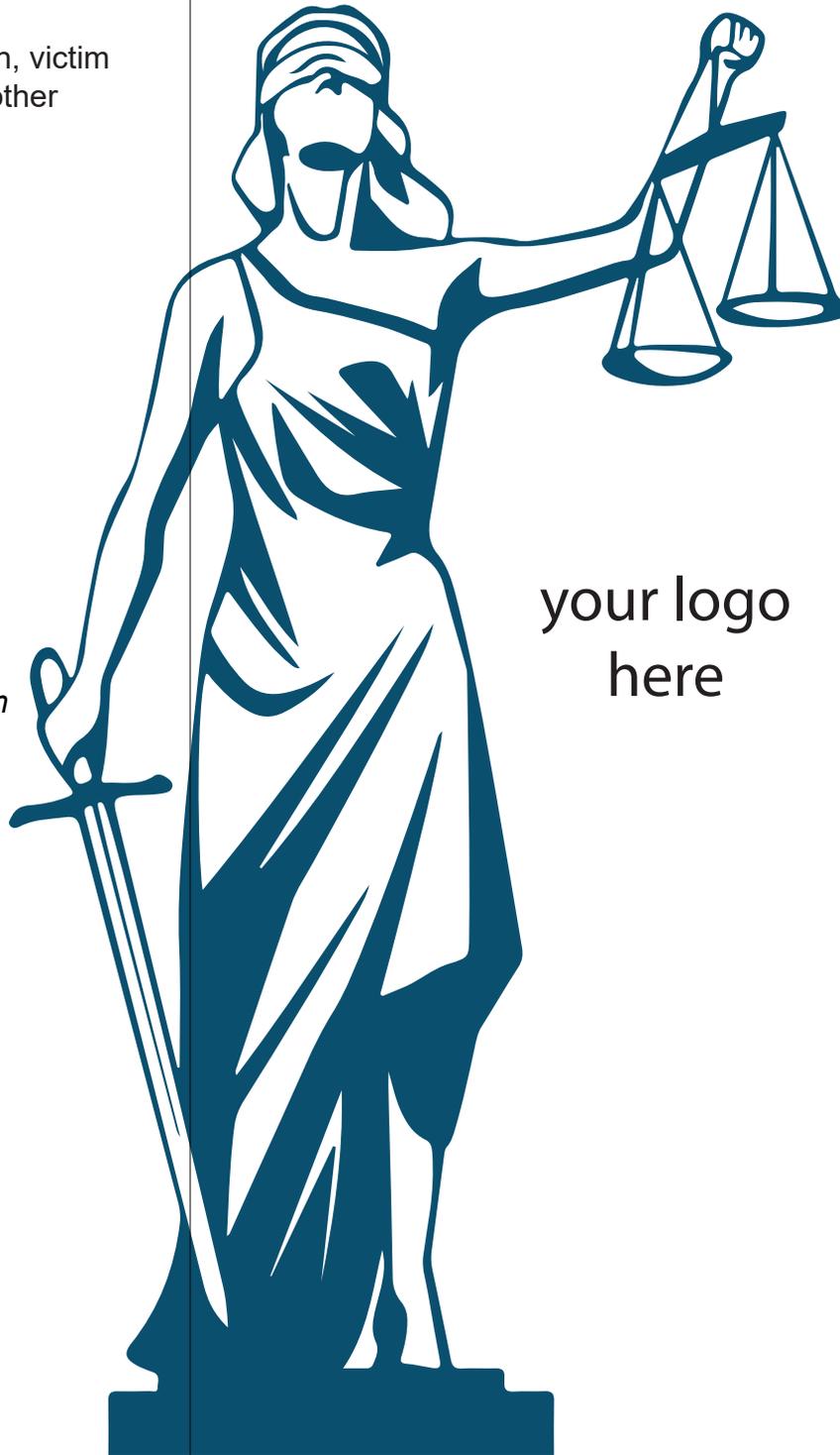
Counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance and other services:

**On-Campus Resources**

- *Descriptions*
- *Campus*
- *Bldg. name*
- *Office number*
- *Phone number*
- *Email*

**Off-Campus Resources**

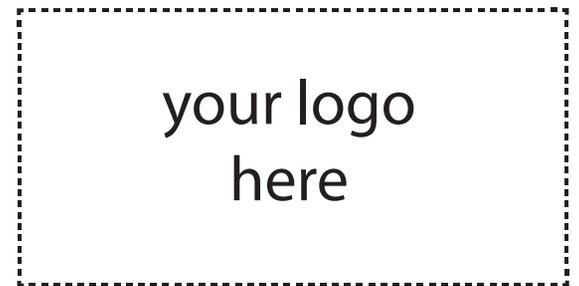
- *Local law enforcement*
- *Rape crisis center or hot line*
- *County health department*
- *Advocacy programs*
- *Local courts contact information*
- *Shelters*
- *Mental health facility*
- *Domestic Violence hot line*
- *Local Clergy Support*



**Notice of Victims' Rights, Options and Resources**

Pertaining to Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 & the Clery Act as Amended by the Violence Against Women Act.

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