

## *The New York Times* Profiles Simpson Thacher Title IX Pro Bono Matter

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Simpson Thacher was highlighted alongside the ACLU of Hawaii and Legal Aid at Work for its role in filing a pro bono class action lawsuit under Title IX on behalf of female athletes at Hawaii's largest public high school in a *New York Times* article titled, "Sex Discrimination Case in Hawaii Could Change High School Sports Across the U.S." The article discussed the allegations of widespread and systemic sex discrimination of female athletes at James Campbell High School, as well as retaliation against those athletes who advocated for equity. After a decision by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on an interlocutory appeal in favor of the plaintiffs, the District Court in Hawaii in July certified a class of past, present and future female athletes at the school. The case seeks declaratory and injunctive relief against the Hawaii Department of Education and the Oahu Interscholastic Association. The article additionally looks ahead to the impact of the trial, scheduled for October 2023, that could have widespread implications for the reach and responsibilities of Title IX.

The Simpson Thacher team that advised on the appeal included Buzz Frahn, Jayma Meyer, David Balme, Ziwei Xiao, Pierce MacConaghy and Abigail Dugan.

To read the full article, please [click here](#).

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