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Department of Education Rescinds Title IX Guidance That NIL Payments Must Be Proportionate

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Cal Stein, a partner in Troutman Pepper Locke's White Collar Litigation + Investigations Practice Group, was quoted in the February 12, 2025 *The New York Times The Athletic* article, "Department of Education Rescinds Title IX Guidance That NIL Payments Must Be Proportionate."

"Could a new DOJ issue a position statement that states it isn't concerned about the antitrust implications of the settlement? Sure, but it's a little harder to square with that office's history," Cal Stein, a litigation partner at Troutman Pepper Locke, told *The Athletic* last week. Stein has advised a number of colleges and collectives on NIL issues.

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"If the judge approves the settlement, I think you would see new federal lawsuits filed against the NCAA and the conferences and potentially other parties arguing that the settlement violates antitrust, Title IX — whatever the allegations are," said Stein.

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