

LEGAL ACTIONS AND SUCCESSES

JANUARY TO JUNE 2025

StandWithUs SAIDOFF
LAW

StandWithUs Saidoff Law

StandWithUs Saidoff Law empowers students and community members through a legal response to antisemitism. Our team of staff attorneys, backed by a network of hundreds pro bono lawyers and law firms, analyzes each reported incident through a legal lens and brings interdepartmental StandWithUs resources to bear. A prominent force in the national legal fight against antisemitism, StandWithUs Saidoff Law has resolved thousands of incidents since our founding.

OUR LAWYERS ARE EXPERTS IN

- Religious freedom and accommodation
- Employment and unlawful termination
- Compliance and retaliation
- Student government proceedings, bylaws, and resolutions
- Campus hearings
- K-12 and special education
- Litigation
- Criminal defense



STANDWITHUS CENTER FOR LEGAL JUSTICE

The [StandWithUs Center for Legal Justice](#) (SCLJ) is a tax-exempt membership organization comprised

of students, professors, and community members that partners with StandWithUs Saidoff Law to enhance StandWithUs' mission and represent its members in the fight against antisemitism through impact litigation and other legal filings.

BY THE NUMBERS

StandWithUs Saidoff Law



3K+

intake reports
received and handled
since our founding



970+

incidents handled
by our legal team
since October 7, 2023, alone



3+

lawsuits filed by the
StandWithUs Center
for Legal Justice as plaintiff



10+

Title VI complaints filed with the
Department of Education's Office
for Civil Rights (OCR)



5+

amicus curiae
briefs filed



64%

of our intake,
January–June 2025, has
involved college campus issues



17.4%

of our intake, January–June 2025,
responds to antisemitic hate crimes
and other criminal issues

JANUARY–JUNE 2025

TESTIMONIALS (JANUARY–JUNE 2025)



I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. I know that it is going to take time to really heal my heart but you **fighting for me to give me a voice will stay with me forever**. It means the world to me.



I want to extend our most sincere appreciation to you for your outstanding presentation yesterday. ... You hit all the right notes on how StandWithUs is taking a leadership role in providing educational resources and tackling some of the complex litigation on Antisemitism. **Most importantly, you delivered a sense of confidence that we have talented professionals in dedicated organizations who are working tirelessly in this space.** ... I have no doubt that this program made a difference and delivered a needed shot in the arm to a community that feels somewhat betrayed.



Thank you again so much for your time yesterday! I think it went well today. Your guidance was so helpful! I had a script ready which I practiced multiple times. The HR person was horrified when I told my story, she took a bunch of notes and said she's taking actions and will be in touch. I can't thank you enough! **I never took an active stand against antisemitism, and this experience has been a lot less scary than I expected, thanks to your help.**



StandWithUs was instrumental in helping us [a partnering law firm] hold an employer accountable for antisemitic harassment in the workplace. A Jewish employee at a national restaurant chain was repeatedly mocked by her manager with Holocaust-related taunts. When she spoke up, she was met with more ridicule. **Thanks to StandWithUs' support and collaboration, we were able to take swift legal action and ensure her voice was heard.** This matter resulted in a significant financial settlement and a requirement that the manager undergo antisemitism training.



When I found myself facing antisemitism and unfair treatment in my workplace simply for being Jewish, I felt completely alone. No one would listen. **No one would help—until I reached out to StandWithUs.** From the very first moment, they believed me. Without hesitation, they assigned me a lawyer at no cost, someone who truly listened and understood what I was going through. **More than just legal support, StandWithUs gave me a voice when I felt voiceless.** They helped me find the right words to communicate with my employer and supported me every step of the way. I was terrified of retaliation, but their guidance, reassurance, and encouragement gave me the strength to stand up for myself. When everyone else stayed silent, StandWithUs stood by me. They even reached out to my employer directly and helped resolve an incredibly difficult situation with professionalism and compassion. **I will never forget what they did for me. StandWithUs didn't just support me—they empowered me.**

TITLE VI CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINTS FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS (OCR) (JANUARY-JUNE 2025)

Santa Clara Unified School District, California **ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL**

Complaint filed April 3, 2025. OCR acknowledged receipt on May 23, 2025, and is assessing. StandWithUs Saidoff Law and the Bay Area Jewish Coalition filed **a federal Title VI complaint** with the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) on behalf of Jewish students in elementary, middle, and high school campuses within California's Santa Clara Unified School District (SCUSD). Since October 7, 2023, accounts from both parents and students reveal deliberate indifference and disregard by SCUSD district leadership to address issues of pervasive discrimination and bias against Jewish students. **Read the press release [HERE](#) and coverage in the *Washington Free Beacon* [HERE](#).**

Lake Washington School District, Washington **HIGH SCHOOL**

Complaint originally filed December 23, 2024. Complaint opened for investigation on March 18, 2025. The Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has **opened for investigation a federal Title VI complaint** filed by StandWithUs Saidoff Law against the Lake Washington School District (LWSD), which the complaint alleges has ignored and enabled rampant antisemitism. The complaint outlines multiple incidents of hostility experienced by the district's Jewish students—including threats, slurs, and biased classroom content. Despite multiple reports from students and parents, LWSD has failed to address the systemic issue, allowing the hostile environment to persist. **Read the press release [HERE](#) and coverage in *The Post Millennial* [HERE](#).**

UC Berkeley

Complaint filed March 18, 2025. StandWithUs Saidoff Law and a Jewish undergraduate student at the University of California Berkeley filed a **federal Title VI complaint** with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR), with notice to the Department of Justice. The complaint alleges that masked pro-Hamas aggressors assaulted an identifiably Jewish student during a pro-Hamas protest on campus on October 16, 2023, and that a year later, the same student faced another antisemitic attack, this time at a protest organized by Students for Justice in Palestine. **Read the press release [HERE](#) and coverage in *JNS* [HERE](#) and in *California Globe* [HERE](#).**

SUNY Purchase

Complaint filed August 2024. Complaint re-instituted following stalled mediation process in February 2025. StandWithUs Saidoff Law, on behalf of one current and one former student, originally submitted a **federal Title VI complaint** with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) in August 2024 regarding the failure of SUNY Purchase to address a known hostile campus environment for Jewish students. As the mediation process failed to successfully resolve the matter under the previous administration, the complaint has now gone back into the queue for OCR to evaluate and determine whether to open an investigation. While SUNY will almost certainly point to measures it has taken to update its policies and trainings, many of the specific issues addressed in the Title VI complaint have yet to be addressed in any meaningful way. It is unclear whether the administration ever took the most basic of step required under Title VI: investigating and evaluating the reported conduct. If such step was indeed taken, the students who reported it were never made aware of any such an investigation or any conclusion. **Read the press release [HERE](#) and coverage in *JNS* [HERE](#).**

FOUR TITLE VI CIVIL INVESTIGATIONS CONCLUDED (JANUARY–JUNE 2025)

The U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights (OCR) concluded its investigations into four federal Title VI complaints filed by StandWithUs and its partner organization, the StandWithUs Center for Legal Justice (SCLJ), at the end of the Biden administration. **Read the press release [HERE](#).**

Lehigh University

[Voluntary resolution agreement entered January 10, 2025. Received from OCR January 13, 2025.](#) OCR confirmed that many of the antisemitic incidents and deficient administrative responses first highlighted by StandWithUs, and later included in **SCLJ’s complaint**, indeed raised Title VI compliance concerns. This included the university’s response to an incident in which a student’s mezuzah was torn down from his doorframe. As a result, Lehigh must take significant remedial measures, including (1) revisiting every complaint of antisemitic discrimination and harassment from the past two years and determine whether these created a hostile environment for Jews on campus; (2) reporting to OCR about all such complaints over the next two years; (3) implementing training for students and faculty on addressing incidents of antisemitic harassment; and (4) updating its policies and clarifying its reporting procedures to ensure that anti-Jewish bigotry is better identified and addressed. The complaint alleged that the administration downplayed and failed to curb incidents—including mezuzahs stolen from dorm room—creating an increasingly hostile environment for Jewish and Israeli students thereby ignoring their legal rights and Lehigh’s own values and policies. **Read the press release [HERE](#) and the original February 2024 complaint [HERE](#).**

UCLA

[Voluntary resolution agreement entered December 18, 2024. Received from OCR December 20, 2024.](#) OCR concluded the nearly **five-year investigation** into the university’s response to an incident in which a professor brought in a guest lecturer offered a diatribe against Zionists as alleged “white supremacists” during an anthropology class. OCR’s investigation revealed that just four days after StandWithUs sent a letter to a UCLA administrator regarding the incident and detailing its concerns about a hostile environment for Jews on campus, that same administrator issued a public report online with details about the incident, a link to information on how to file discrimination complaints, and a link to a statement announcing that the university was “currently looking into the concerns raised regarding the lecture.” OCR revealed that though the administration ultimately did not find a violation of the UCLA’s anti-harassment policy, it still took steps to address StandWithUs’ concerns. This included conducting a counseling session with the professor and providing feedback to the professor to prevent future complaints. It is unlikely that such swift remedial action would have occurred if not for the student who courageously challenged the lecturer’s biased and inaccurate presentation about Zionism or the assistance of StandWithUs to help her hold UCLA accountable. **Read the 2019 press release [HERE](#) and 2021 supplemental letter [HERE](#).**

FOUR TITLE VI CIVIL INVESTIGATIONS CONCLUDED

(JANUARY–JUNE 2025) (CONTINUED)

UC Davis

Voluntary resolution agreement entered December 18, 2024. Received from OCR December 20, 2024. OCR expressed concern about UC Davis' handling of several incidents highlighted in SCLJ's **Title VI complaint**, including the university's failure to evaluate whether speech, even if constitutionally protected from punishment, nonetheless created a hostile environment for Jewish students. Accordingly, per an omnibus agreement resolving Title VI complaints against several University of California campuses, UC Davis must now conduct annual training for those investigating antisemitism complaints. And it must audit every complaint of antisemitic discrimination from the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 academic years so that the details of how it handled those complaints, including any steps it took to prevent the recurrence of a hostile environment created by the incident, can be reported to OCR. **Read the original April 2024 press release [HERE](#).**

George Washington University

Voluntary resolution agreement entered January 16, 2025. Received from OCR January 13, 2025. As a result of StandWithUs' **Title VI complaint**, OCR found several deficiencies in the way George Washington University (GWU), a private university in Washington, D.C., handled complaints of antisemitic discrimination. Like some of the other universities, GWU must now review and revise its policies concerning antisemitic harassment, implement training for students and employees, and report back to OCR regarding antisemitism-related complaints. Additionally, GWU must address specific incidents highlighted by StandWithUs, including by evaluating whether a hostile environment was created by a former GWU professor's antisemitic social media posts and, if so, remediating any effects of that hostile environment on individual students. The university must also fully expunge the disciplinary records of students who were wrongly disciplined in retaliation for speaking up against antisemitism in their classroom. Importantly, OCR expressed serious concerns with the procedure utilized by the university to determine whether to initiate disciplinary proceedings in the first place, as it left students "vulnerable to prejudice, hearsay, and stereotype—as well as to pretext—as bases for discipline." To safeguard student rights and prevent such improper treatment from recurring, GWU must now train its academic staff and administrators on unlawful retaliation against students who assert their Title VI rights in the future. **Read the original January 2023 press release [HERE](#).**

StandWithUs also has pending Title VI filings at Ohio State University (read [HERE](#)) and the Dallas Independent School District (read [HERE](#)).

The New School

April 8, 2025

The Dhillon Law Group, in partnership with **StandWithUs**, filed a **federal lawsuit** in district court seeking redress for wanton mishandling of antisemitic harassment by **The New School** on its campus. The lawsuit alleges that in December 2023, anti-Israel agitators blocked and physically shoved a student out of a university building under the mistaken perception that the student was Jewish and therefore a “Zio.” The agitators subsequently harassed the student online with a campaign of antisemitic slurs and false accusations. Rather than take action against the harassers, The New School subjected their victim to a disciplinary investigation for months, playing fast-and-loose with its own procedures and causing serious harm to the student in the process. StandWithUs lawyers guided the student throughout this process and ultimately secured his exoneration. **Read the press release [HERE](#) and coverage in Fox News [HERE](#).**

Court Denies Antisemitic Harassment Order, Affirming Free Speech in Online Advocacy

April 17, 2025

Washington State King County Superior Court denied a civil protection order sought against Ari Hoffman, a local pro-Israel media personality and community advocate, ruling that his actions were constitutionally protected free speech. StandWithUs Saidoff Law partnered with his pro bono attorney Moshe (Jeff) Admon. Hoffman originally took action against an antisemitic doxxing post that attorney Diala Abed-Rabbo had uploaded on the platform Nextdoor. The court held that Hoffman’s actions involved public content and were constitutionally protected free speech, whereas Abed-Rabbo’s post was “done ‘especially as a way of getting revenge’” and was intended to incite a reaction and criticize and condemn her neighbors. **Read the press release [HERE](#) and coverage in JNS [HERE](#).**

Jewish Professor Successfully Defended Against Harassing, Targeted Investigation

A Jewish professor contacted StandWithUs after his employer opened an investigation against him, questioning his conduct in a student interview over a year earlier. The Jewish professor had utilized template questions provided by the employer in the student interview and ultimately recommended the student's admission to the university. The professor believed that the administration was targeting him for investigation with dubious charges because he is Jewish. StandWithUs Saidoff Law partnered with a pro bono lawyer, who represented the professor. **The employer was prevailed upon to drop the baseless investigation and the professor's reputation and standing were restored.**



LITIGATION & AMICUS BRIEFS (JANUARY-JUNE 2025)

Cook County, Illinois March 21, 2025

StandWithUs and pro bono attorney Gail Eisenberg filed an **amicus brief** in *Gassman v. Cook County, et. al*, in which the court issued a favorable ruling, in the Northern District of Illinois, supporting Jewish plaintiff, Debra Gassman, an Assistant Public Defender in Cook County, Illinois. Gassman had displayed a photo of herself with a firearm and the Israeli flag from her time volunteering in the IDF in her shared office since 2002. After October 7, 2023, she placed the photo outside of her office and on top of the employee mailboxes to “bring attention to the attacks that had occurred in Israel and the need to support the victims.” The photo was not visible to the public. The Public Defender's Office issued a written reprimand to Gassman and executive management told Gassman's supervisors that Gassman's photo was “comparable to a Nazi swastika” and could be perceived as threatening. However, the Public Defender's Office allows employees to display other messages and photographs of guns in their offices without censorship. When Gassman moved the photo back into her office, the Public Defender's Office confiscated the photo and later returned it to her but prohibited her from displaying it. Gassman sued under the First Amendment and for indemnification. The district court issued a favorable ruling that mentioned StandWithUs' amicus brief, holding that Gassman was a citizen speaking on a matter of public concern under the First Amendment with regard to her photo from her IDF service and allowed the case to proceed past the motion to dismiss stage. **Read the amicus brief [HERE](#).**

Al Jazeera

February 23, 2025

Shurat HaDin, in partnership with StandWithUs, filed a **federal lawsuit** against the **Al Jazeera Media Network** at U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The lawsuit seeks to hold Al Jazeera accountable for its role in providing material support to terrorist organizations and seeks financial compensation and justice for victims and victims' families of the October 7 attacks and ensuing war. **Read the press release [HERE](#).**

Santa Ana Public Schools

February 20, 2025

A lawsuit brought by plaintiffs The Brandeis Center, ADL, and AJC, and counsel Covington & Burling LLP, **with support from StandWithUs as legal consultant**, against the **Santa Ana Unified School District** (SAUSD) over a year ago for developing antisemitic courses in secret was finally settled. As part of the settlement, SAUSD will cease instruction of Ethnic Studies World Geography, Ethnic Studies World Histories, and Ethnic Studies: Perspectives, Identities, and Social Justice until the courses are re-designed with the opportunity for public input in accordance with California's open meeting laws. The courses contained false and damaging narratives about Israel and the Jewish people. Anti-Semitic content will be removed from Ethnic Studies World Histories so that the course can continue being taught for the remainder of this school year only. **Read more [HERE](#).**

Amicus Brief Filed in the U.S. Supreme Court Against the PLO February 4, 2025

StandWithUs, along with 16 other civil rights organizations, jointly represented by **Holtzman Vogel Baran Torchinsky & Josefiah PLLC** and **Haynes and Boone, LLP**, filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court regarding the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), arguing that when organizations participate in the “pay-for-slay” program by rewarding terrorists' families financially, they should be held accountable in U.S. courts for supporting terrorism. StandWithUs Saidoff Law applauds the June 20, 2025, unanimous decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in *Fuld v. PLO* and *U.S. v. PLO*, upholding the ability of American victims of foreign terrorism to sue the Palestine Liberation Organization (“PLO”) and Palestinian Authority (“PA”) in U.S. federal courts. StandWithUs is proud to have submitted an amicus brief in the case, with sixteen other amicus groups, advocating for victims of terrorism seeking justice. **Read more [HERE](#).**

STUDENT SUCCESSES (JANUARY-JUNE 2025)

Northwestern Student Exonerated After Falsely Accused of Participation in SJP Protest

A Jewish student was walking out of class when he noticed Students for Justice in Palestine protesting in a common area without permission. While observing the unauthorized protest, he was charged by university officials for *participating* in the protest; when appealing the sanction by nothing that he was morally opposed to SJP and their pro-Hamas celebrations a year prior, the university then charged him with violations for counter-protesting the demonstration and threatened disciplinary action. StandWithUs Saidoff Law assisted the student in a further appeal, explaining that he was at no time engaged in a violation of university policies. As the university itself could not articulate which policy had been violated, they conceded that he had not violated any university demonstration policies and dropped the disciplinary proceeding completely.

UC Davis Student Has Assault Allegations Dropped by University

A Jewish student wrongly accused of assaulting members of Students for Justice in Palestine was able to secure a complete dismissal of the disciplinary action against him due to our behind-the-scenes advocacy. After an incident where SJP had disrupted the student's class, making threatening, anti-Israel remarks, they alleged themselves to be the victim and that the student had thrown a metal water bottle at them. An anonymous SJP member reported assault, throwing the Jewish student into baseless investigations and disciplinary proceedings.

Rejected Jewish Student Union Later Receives Due Recognition

A Jewish high school student had spent months trying to get approval for a Jewish Student Union at her school. After she was repeatedly rebuffed or ignored by school leadership, she contacted StandWithUs for support. StandWithUs Saidoff Law worked closely with the student to identify an appropriate staff member to serve as the club's advisor, and contacted the school district about its apparent hostility towards Jewish students. The student was able to find a fantastic advisor and re-submitted an application with our guidance, this time receiving approval. The JSU is starting to plan their kick-off events!



STUDENT SUCCESSES (JANUARY-JUNE 2025)

StandWithUs Urges Action in Washington State, Bellevue School District, for Ignoring Antisemitism in Violation of District Policy and State Law

In April 2024, StandWithUs contacted the Bellevue School District (BSD) in Washington State about antisemitic incidents at their schools and the District's ongoing failure to remedy the hostile environment for Jewish and Israeli students. Although the District opened an official investigation and hired an independent investigator, it failed to meet any state or federal deadlines, explain its delays, or take any interim actions to protect their students. As a result, StandWithUs filed a complaint with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) of Washington State in October 2024. OSPI directed the District to complete its investigation without further delay, which it later did, after which the District's investigator shared their results, and the Superintendent concluded that "the District did not fail to comply with any antidiscrimination laws." On November 22, 2024, StandWithUs submitted an appeal to the District's Disciplinary Appeals Council (DAC) which was denied, but with the recommendation that the Superintendent take certain steps, including ensuring mandatory training for school administrators about antisemitism and fully investigating additional complaints of antisemitism.

On January 10, 2025, StandWithUs appealed the DAC decision to OSPI, alleging that Superintendent's decision should have been overturned, as it was based on an incomplete, inadequate and flawed investigative report and the unsupported conclusions of BSD's "independent third-party investigator." **On May 8, 2025, OSPI notified StandWithUs that it would be opening an investigation into whether the District conducted "a thorough investigation" into the original complaint, whether the District's investigation "sufficiently assess[ed] whether the alleged conduct created a hostile environment, for some Jewish students, based on their religion and national origin, and, if so, whether the District [took] effective steps reasonably calculated to eliminate the alleged hostile environment."**



COMMUNITY SUCCESSES (JANUARY-JUNE 2025)

StandWithUs Counsels Tech Employee on Employment Rights Following Her Unlawful Termination

Just one example of many similar situations where we regularly provide support, StandWithUs counseled a Jewish Israeli employee after she was terminated from a large technology corporation. She explained that numerous incidents indicated that her termination was due to her being a Jewish Israeli. StandWithUs connected her to an employment lawyer in her state that same day and helped her navigate the termination in an informed and empowered manner so that she could best position herself for future litigation and potential settlement.

StandWithUs Helps Jewish Employee Who was Harassed With a Baseless Investigation

StandWithUs was contacted by a Jewish employee who was facing an intimidating and baseless investigation. She explained that the investigation was initiated because she is Jewish and a third party made a baseless complaint about her. StandWithUs counseled the Jewish employee on her rights, reviewed the employment handbook with her, and helped prepare her for the investigation. As a result of StandWithUs' efforts, she felt empowered and prepared for her meeting, in which her employer indicated it would take no further action at that time on the baseless investigation.



ARTICLES & ANALYSIS BY STANDWITHUS STAFF ATTORNEYS

OP-EDS, NEWS COVERAGE, AND PUBLIC TALKS (JANUARY-JUNE 2025)

OP-ED IN EJEWISHPHILANTHROPY

How donors can prevent their university gifts from funding antisemitism

Yael Lerman, Director at StandWithUs Saidoff Law; **Jonathan Rotter**, Glancy Prongay & Murray and Pro Bono Attorney for StandWithUs | May 30, 2025

"As antisemitism rises on American campuses, concerned donors are increasingly asking how to ensure their gifts to universities don't end up supporting discrimination against Jews. At StandWithUs, we routinely hear from philanthropists who want to give responsibly; they want their gifts to reflect their values and protect Jewish students. The good news is, they can — but doing so requires specificity, oversight and a willingness to push back against administrative resistance." **Read the article [HERE](#).**

OP-ED IN JNS

Georgetown professor says schools should be 'tolerating' antisemitic speech

Yael Lerman, Director at StandWithUs Saidoff Law; **Gadi Dotz**, Assistant Director at StandWithUs Saidoff Law | May 15, 2025

"While claiming to uphold free expression, the ACLU has gone out of its way to represent anti-Zionist groups like Students for Justice in Palestine at universities including the University of Florida, the University of Pittsburgh, Columbia University and the University of Michigan. We found no comparable instance of the ACLU defending Jewish students whose rights, including the right to express their Jewish identity, were infringed by peers, faculty or administrators. As lawyers working with Jewish college students every day on these matters, we know there is, unfortunately, no shortage of such cases." **Read the article [HERE](#).**

QUOTED IN JNS

'Vital role' for lawyers in fighting Jew-hatred, StandWithUs says

May 9, 2025

JNS provided coverage of an April 28 event for Jewish lawyers in Palm Beach, Florida organized by **Deedee Bitran**, Senior Counsel and Director of Pro Bono at StandWithUs Saidoff Law.

"'Lawyers can play a vital role in fighting antisemitism,' Bitran, a full-time lawyer, told JNS. 'Many lawyers partner with us behind the scenes by conducting legal research and drafting legal letters or court filings... When there is a legal remedy, lawyers can play a vital role in ensuring that there is a strong response from our Jewish community to antisemitic activity.' Non-lawyers can also help by spreading the word about Jew-hatred, so people know where to go for help, according to Bitran. 'Lawyers can help by suing for various claims depending on the unique facts of every situation, including but not limited to defamation, discrimination, harassment, breach of contract and tortious interference,' she said. 'Lawyers can also help by sending demand letters or interfacing with employers, and sometimes that resolves the issue before ever needing to go to court.'" **Read the article [HERE](#).**

TALK

Harvard Business School Panel on Campus Speech Policies

May 18, 2025

Jenna Statfeld Harris, Senior Counsel at StandWithUs Saidoff Law and Harvard Law School alumna, spoke to the Jewish Alumni Association at Harvard Business School on a panel titled "Speech and Activity Policies and the Campus Environment." The event explored how campus speech and activities related to the Hamas-Israel war have forced Harvard and its peers to reconsider how speech and expression contribute to the free exchange of ideas. Legal topics covered included the First Amendment, Academic Freedom, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, and anti-terrorism laws.

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TESTIMONY

United States Senate HELP Committee

March 27, 2025

Carly Gammill, StandWithUs Director of Legal Policy, was invited by the United States Senate HELP (Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions) Committee to testify in its hearing, titled "Antisemitic Disruptions on Campus: Ensuring Safe Learning Environments for All Students." Carly exposed the dangerous antizionist campaign to politicize Jewish identity as well as administrations' continued practice of hiding behind the free speech clause to justify their failures to remedy the hostile environments on their campuses. She urged specific congressional intervention to hold administrations accountable and make our campuses safer for all students, including passage of the *Antisemitism Awareness Act of 2025* and the *Protecting Students on Campus Act*. **Watch her testimony [HERE](#).**

QUOTED IN JERUSALEM POST

Anti-Israel activists chain themselves to Columbia gate demanding to know who reported Khalil

April 3, 2025

StandWithUs [Legal Director] and Columbia College alumna **Yael Lerman** said that the gate incident was yet another act of unchecked intimidation that had created a hostile campus environment, with the exception that Columbia took action on Wednesday to restore order.

"That action didn't come voluntarily — it was the result of mounting pressure including a federal crackdown and legal challenges like ours," said Lerman, referencing a lawsuit filed last February over the university's alleged indifference to the hostile climate for Jews and Israelis. "It should never have required this much to compel the university to uphold basic standards of safety and accountability."

Read the article [HERE](#).

TALK

Antisemitism Training for Suffolk County, New York Police Cadets

April 17, 2025

Sarena Townsend, Senior Counsel and Criminal Justice Advocate at StandWithUs Saidoff Law, spoke to more than 80 police cadets of the Suffolk County NY Police Department. The presentation on Jewish Identity and Antisemitism was part of the Department's sensitivity training which StandWithUs has been part of for the last few years. The cadets were engaged and appreciated the information that will help them in the field. We are grateful for the partnership with the leadership of the Suffolk Police.

QUOTED IN FOX NEWS

'Accountability Must Be Enforced'

May 8, 2025

Weighing in on the decision to withhold funding from Harvard and other universities, **Yael Lerman**, Founding Director, told Fox News Digital that StandWithUs supports "lawful efforts to hold universities accountable." She explained, "The recent findings from the antisemitism report at Harvard University are deeply troubling and underscore a broader failure to protect Jewish students and foster a safe, inclusive campus environment. Given these findings, we believe it is both appropriate and necessary to take lawful measures to pause any new federal funding to Harvard until meaningful corrective action is taken. Federal support should be contingent on a university's commitment to upholding civil rights, including actively addressing antisemitism. Accountability must be more than a principle—it must be enforced."

Read the article [HERE](#).

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OP-ED IN JERUSALEM POST

Cryptocurrency platforms need better clarity to avoid being a petri dish for antisemitism

Jordan Cope, StandWithUs Director of Policy Education | March 11, 2025

Cryptocurrency platforms must exercise better moral clarity to avoid becoming petri dishes for antisemitism, violence, and other forms of bigotry, states **Jordan Cope**, StandWithUs Director of Policy Education, in his eye-opening opinion in the Jerusalem Post. Major cryptocurrency platform “pump.fun” continues to platform tokens that normalize antisemitism, racism, Hinduphobia, and violence, despite having clear terms and conditions that prohibit abusive and obscene messages. **Read the article [HERE](#).**

OP-ED IN JNS

Bringing the Fight to Workplace Antisemitism

Deedee Bitran, Senior Counsel and Director of Pro Bono at StandWithUs Saidoff Law | March 5, 2025

Deedee Bitran writes on workplace antisemitism: “My supervisor called me ‘Anne Frank’ multiple times, laughed and asked if I ‘had a diary to go write,’” a Jewish woman told me last month as we discussed whether she had a valid claim for a hostile work environment due to antisemitism.” **Read the article [HERE](#).**

QUOTED BY CBS

Trump says any school that "allows illegal protests" will lose funding as Columbia faces review of federal contracts

March 4, 2025

Carly Gammill, StandWithUs Director of Legal Policy, explains to CBS New York when campus protest activity is unlawful, a rampant problem at universities across the country. “Under Title VI, though, recipients of federal funding are not allowed to discriminate, and Carly F. Gammill, the director of legal policy for StandWithUs, says that’s why Mr. Trump may be resorting to pulling funding. ‘There’s also the issue of speech crossing the line into unlawful conduct, which means that if speech is harassing, if it presents a true threat—intimidation, things like that—those are not protected expressive activities, and unfortunately that’s a lot of what we’re seeing on campus today,’ Gammill said. Gammill said when protesters chant ‘globalize the intifada,’ it’s a call for violence against Jewish people and those supporting Israel, which should be considered unlawful.”

Watch the interview, and read the article [HERE](#).

TALK

Lecture for Medical Professionals Regarding Workplace Antisemitism

November 2024, Published March 2025

Julie Paris, Regional Director StandWithUs Mid Atlantic, and **Deedee Bitran**, a Senior Counsel and Director of Pro Bono at StandWithUs Saidoff Law, along with Professor Rona Kaufman led a webinar hosted by American Jewish Medical Association titled “Combatting Antisemitism Insights from World Class Legal Experts.” The webinar discussed common issues arising in the workplace nationwide, such as discrimination and harassment of Jewish and Israeli employees, and the potential legal remedies employees have when faced with those challenges. Julie and Deedee shared the many ways that StandWithUs can help support Jewish employees navigating workplace antisemitism. The webinar was hosted by the, Hope for Israel Alliance, and StandWithUs. **Watch the lecture [HERE](#).**

LEGAL EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

StandWithUs Expands Its Legal Education in High Schools

Alongside the rise of antisemitism nationally, we have seen a sharp rise in legal incidents from middle and high schools. The need for parents to be educated and supported when antisemitic misinformation disseminates and antisemitic conduct occurs in their children's schools is ever-more important. As announced in our last report, StandWithUs offers legal rights presentations for parents, educating and training them about their children's rights and remedies and how StandWithUs can help. To learn more, contact highschool@standwithus.com.

Legal Fact Sheets

StandWithUs Saidoff Law's signature "Know Your Rights" fact sheet series empowers students and parents to stand up against antisemitism and better understand how to utilize laws and policies to do so. Those in bold below are our latest resources to be released.

[Anti-Israel Assignments from Professors](#)

[Disciplinary Meetings and Bias Complaint Investigations](#)

[Employment Law: Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964](#)

[Encampments and Protests in Violation of University Policy](#)

[Evidence of Zionism in Daily Life](#)

[Hate Crimes: How to File a Police Report and Work with Law Enforcement](#)

[**Hate in High School: How to Report Antisemitic Bias and Harassment to School Districts**](#)

[**Hate on Campus: How to Report Antisemitic Bias and Harassment to University Administrations**](#)

[**International Law: Tough Questions**](#)

[Hosting Pro-Israel Speakers and Events on Campus](#)

[Online Antisemitism: Legalities and Strategies](#)

[K-12 Sports: Dealing with Antisemitic Incidents](#)

[Planned Walkouts or Disruptions in High Schools](#)

[Post-October 7 Antisemitism on Campus: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Preparing for Anti-Israel/Antisemitic Speakers Coming to Campus](#)

[Recording and Photography Permissions on Campus](#)

[The IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[**Title VI: A Series of Fact Sheets**](#)

[Unlawful Disruptions of Pro-Israel and Jewish Events on Campus](#)



This latest report highlights our latest legal efforts from January 2025 to June 2025. To view our previous legal impact reports, visit www.standwithus.com/legal-actions-report.