



## **Role of Advisor of Choice Regarding Nebraska Wesleyan University's Student Conduct and/or Title IX Reporting of Resolution Process**

Advisor of Choice: an individual selected by a Complainant or Respondent to assist them during any part of the conduct process. An Advisor of Choice may be a faculty or staff member, student, parent, community member, victim advocate, or an attorney.

When the Advisor of Choice is an attorney, the Administer involved in the process must be given two days advance notice.

The following information provides a short summary of the role of an Advisor of Choice during Nebraska Wesleyan University's student conduct and/or Title IX process.

### **I. Role of an Advisor of Choice**

- A complainant and respondent have the right to have an Advisor of Choice accompany them at all stages of the investigation and resolution process.
- An Advisor of Choice may not advocate for a party like an attorney would in court. In other words, the Advisor of Choice does not provide representation for a party and may not be actively involved in any of the proceedings.
- A complainant or respondent may use a different Advisor of Choice at various stages in the process.
- An Advisor of Choice must keep confidential the information shared during meetings and throughout the investigation and resolution process.
- In cases involving multiple complainants or respondents, the Advisor of Choice cannot be another complainant or respondent.
- As needed to protect the integrity of the investigation and resolution process, Nebraska Wesleyan University reserves the right to excuse from any meeting or other proceeding an Advisor of Choice who is a witness with information about facts material to the complaint.
- Nebraska Wesleyan University reserves the right to dismiss an Advisor of Choice who is disruptive or who does not adhere to the limitations outlined in this form.
- Nebraska Wesleyan University's policy prohibits retaliation against any individuals filing a complaint or participating in the investigation of the complaint. As an Advisor of Choice, you are protected by and subject to this retaliation prohibition. You may not retaliate against any person participating in this process. If you feel you are retaliated against for your participation, please contact the Administrator involved in the procedure.

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*Approved by: The Title IX Office and Student Life Office*

**II. Affirmation**

- *By signing this form, you acknowledge that you have read this form and understand your rights and obligations as an Advisor of Choice.*

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Printed Name

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Serving as an Advisor of Choice

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Signature

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Date