

IN THE NEWS: Judge Grants Class Certification in Title IX Discrimination Case

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In "Volleyball Players, Quinnipiac Set for Trial," Doug Malan of the *Connecticut Law Tribune* writes about the recent ruling by District of Connecticut Judge Stefan Underhill granting class action status to a lawsuit filed by members of Quinnipiac University's women's volleyball team alleging gender discrimination in the school's athletic programs.

According to Alex Hernandez, who with Pullman attorney Jonathan Orleans represents the volleyball players and their coach, the class certification ruling "confirms the significance of the case for women's athletics at Quinnipiac. It's not just about volleyball. It's about making sure the university provides genuine and equitable participation to all of its female varsity athletes."

Pullman & Comley, acting as cooperating counsel with the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Connecticut, brought the suit in 2009 against the University, which had announced plans to cut the women's volleyball program, despite the fact that it was not then in compliance with Title IX. In May 2009 Judge Underhill issued a preliminary injunction prohibiting the University from eliminating the team until the lawsuit is resolved. The trial is scheduled to begin on June 21.

To read the full story on the *Connecticut Law Tribune* website, [click here](#).

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