

White Law Adds Powerhouse Attorney to Help Battle Institutional Sexual Assault Cases

Debra Martinez adds unparalleled civil rights, Title IX, sexual harassment & victims' rights expertise

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[/EINPresswire.com/](https://www.einpresswire.com/) -- To up the ante in the firm's aggressive representation of

victims of sexual assault and abuse, White Law PLLC has added as an Associate [Debra Martinez](#), a former SVU prosecutor, Title IX Coordinator, and Director of Michigan State University's Office of Institutional Equity.



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Martinez's established history of representing victims of sex crimes and investigating campus assault cases makes her "a perfect fit," as the firm further expands its battle against institutional sexual predators such as Larry Nassar and University of Michigan's Dr. Robert Anderson, said White Law Founding Attorney Jamie White.

"I'm extremely pleased to have such an extraordinary advocate join our fight to hold institutions accountable," White said. "During her many years fighting these battles, Debra has demonstrated an unparalleled ability to

understand and aid these victims and to clear all hurdles to prosecuting their abusers."

At MSU, Martinez (nee Rousseau) rose to Director of the Office of Civil Rights and Office of Institutional Equity, and served as the university's Senior Deputy Title IX Coordinator. Martinez supervised a team of investigators responsive to civil rights, sexual assault, sexual harassment, relationship violence, and discrimination complaints.

As an Ingham County Assistant Prosecutor, Martinez served as unit chief of the Special Victim Unit and as an assistant prosecuting attorney from 2011 to 2015, with a focus on sexual assault crimes and crimes against children. Some of her notable prosecutions include:

- Oswald Wilder Jr., a lifelong criminal and drug addict sentenced 46 to 100 years for sexually

assaulting three women in East Lansing

- Lawrence Gibbs, sentenced to 25 to 50 years for multiple sexual assaults of young boys

- Melissa Mitin, sentenced to 27 to 40 years for murdering her two infants.

While at MSU, Martinez was named an "[Outstanding Supervisor](#)" for her positive leadership style, and praised for creating a working environment that valued staff and brought in diverse perspectives.

"I feel like this move is a natural next step in my work as an advocate for survivors of sexual abuse, discrimination, and harassment," Martinez said. "I've long admired everything Jamie has been doing, and now to be working side by side with him is such an exciting opportunity."



Attorney Debra Martinez has joined White Law PLLC

Martinez earned her J.D. from Michigan State University College of Law, and has a B.S. in Sociology with an emphasis in Criminal and Social Justice from Central Michigan University.

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Attorney H. James White has represented many sexual abuse survivors in litigation against the institutions that allowed it to occur, including clergy abuse survivors and victims of USA Gymnastics' disgraced doctor, Larry Nassar. Because of this work, White is among Law 360's "Titans of the Bar."

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