

# Ninth Circuit Highlights Due Process Risks When Universities Revoke a Degree Without Meaningful Hearing Protections

*A Ninth Circuit decision underscores due process risks when universities revoke degrees without meaningful notice, hearings, and evidence safeguards.*

FARMINGTON HILLS, MI, UNITED STATES, December 30, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A recent Ninth Circuit decision offers important process lessons for universities and for students navigating high-stakes disciplinary proceedings that can affect academic status or credentials. In *Dudley v. Boise State University*, the court addressed due-process issues tied to degree revocation and the adequacy of hearing protections.

[You can read about it here.](#)

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What should we take from this decision?



A Ninth Circuit ruling highlights how inadequate hearing protections can expose universities to due process challenges when academic credentials are revoked.

The compliance lesson: truth-finding procedures matter: When a process can impact a credential, institutions should assume procedural rigor will be scrutinized. The design of notice, evidence access, and hearing mechanics can be as consequential as the underlying allegations.

For students, the practical takeaway is to build a record early: make clear written requests, track deadlines, and document any constraints that impair the ability to

Put procedural requests in writing when possible. Clarify what evidence will be considered and how it will be tested. Avoid “case-framing” conversations. Stay focused on policies, timelines, and the specific procedural levers that affect fact-finding.

“When a disciplinary process can impact a student’s credential or professional future, the procedures need to support accurate fact-finding,” said [Keith Altman](#), Founder and Managing Partner of K Altman Law. “The safest approach for institutions—and the fairest approach for students—is to build processes that provide meaningful notice, meaningful opportunity to respond, and a clear, documented record.”

What should families and students do now?

- Ask for written notice of allegations, policies being applied, and potential sanctions.
- Request access to the evidence that decision-makers will consider and how you can respond.
- Document any limits on your ability to present your case or test evidence.
- Keep communications professional and assume they may become part of the record.

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