

Male student suing University of Chicago over Title IX

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A male student is suing the University of Chicago over Title IX. (DAMIANNO/GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO)

A University of Chicago male student from New York accused twice of sexual assault slammed the school's conduct in a new lawsuit, charging that "UC routinely portrays a large portion of their male students as sexual predators."

The student, named as John Doe in the lawsuit, claims the university violated Title IX with its unfair treatment. He was subjected to a "fundamentally unfair, arbitrary and capricious disciplinary procedure that violates both Title IX and UC's policies and/or procedures related to allegations of sexual misconduct," according to the lawsuit [obtained by the Chicago Maroon](#), a student newspaper at the school.

Title IX is in place to ensure that universities don't discriminate against students and faculty based on gender.

The male student, from Somers, N.Y., charges that two women, named as Jane Doe and Jane Roe, falsely accused him of sexual assault. Jane Doe is also being sued, according to the Maroon.

The suit alleges that the school refused to allow John Doe to file a Title IX complaint against Jane Doe for harassment and retaliation, yet UC allowed Jane Doe to file a Title IX complaint to retaliate for an alleged sexual assault two years earlier. John Doe and Jane Doe became acquainted before their first semester in September 2013 through a Facebook page for accepted students, according to the lawsuit. John Doe and Roe met during their first semester.

The lawsuit states that after John Doe broke off his relationships with the two women, Roe filed a complaint with the school falsely accusing John Doe of sexual misconduct in the spring of 2014. The accusation was regarding alleged conduct that took place the previous December.

The school rejected Roe's claims "despite UC's anti-male gender bias conduct and gross negligence in conducting an investigation," according to the lawsuit.

However, Roe then launched a vendetta against the male student, according to the lawsuit. She placed his name on the so-called "Hyde Park List," a Tumblr page accusing six current and former male students of sexual assault or sexual harassment. Roe also "falsely and maliciously advised members of UC's community that John Doe was a sexual predator," according to the suit.

The school did not take any steps to "correct" Roe's conduct, according to the suit, as John Doe was told the school's "confidentiality" policies prevented him from personally refuting Roe's defamation within "UC's Community."

Roe then blogged in October of 2014 that the school was forcing her to participate in class "with the person who sexually assaulted [HER]." The school ordered John Doe removed from the physics lab they were both in, despite his strong opposition, the lawsuit states.

In addition, the school "unlawfully alleged a right to discipline" the male student because his sister responded to Roe's "fallacious" posts on Twitter.

The other woman mentioned in the suit, Jane Doe, first mentioned in her blog that she had been "sexually assaulted" in November of 2014, according to the complaint. However, in her own "vernacular," according to the lawsuit, the male student and Jane Doe "hooked up" in September of 2013 but did not have sexual intercourse.

Jane Doe harassed the male student in a series of tweets earlier this year, according to the lawsuit. The male student filed a Title IX complaint against her, but the school took no action.

The suit seeks \$175,000 in damages, [according to the Maroon](#).

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