

# Asking Questions

Equity & Title IX Annual Volunteer Training

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# YOU MUST ASK QUESTIONS!



Parties have waited for this hearing



You can ask questions at any point during the hearing



Helps to write out questions ahead of time



Can ask a question that was already asked during the



# Asking Questions

Who asks questions to Parties & Witnesses during the Equity & Title IX process?

- Equity Officers
- Title IX Coordinators
- Equity & Title IX investigators
- Advisors
- Decision-makers



# Asking Questions

When might decision-makers ask questions?

- Administrative Resolution meetings
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Think About

What do I need to know?

Why do I need to know it? (i.e. is it relevant?)



## Types of Questions

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Open-ended – Calls for narrative or recall ex: “What happened after you left the bar?”

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Focused – Directs the witness to a particular issue ex: “You said you woke up because you felt her touching you. Please tell us more about that.”

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Multiple Choice – Provides a range of options ex: “Were your clothes on, off, or some other way?”

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Yes/No – Seeks to clarify a specific point ex: “You said you went to her apartment from the bar. Did she drive you there?”

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Leading – Assumes the answer ex: “She drove you to her apartment, correct?”

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# Breakout Group

