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Simpson Thacher Helps Secure Title IX Changes for Sierra Vista High School Female Athletes

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Simpson Thacher, in partnership with Legal Aid at Work and the California Women's Law Center, successfully represented female athletes at Sierra Vista High School who alleged their school was significantly out of compliance with Title IX. The sports opportunities offered to girls at the school were not proportionate to the number of female students enrolled, and the girls' teams did not have comparable practice and competition facilities to the boys' teams. For example, the girls' softball team practiced and played on a neglected and dilapidated field, while the boys' baseball fields were in pristine condition. Once notified that it was not in compliance with Title IX, Sierra Vista High School worked with counsel for the school's female athletes to make facilities improvements as well as implement best practices.

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