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## New Information

### Case Updates

In the spring of 2008, the lawyers for the three [Legal Advocacy Fund-supported Feather River Community College cases](#) submitted closing and reply briefs from their November 2007 trial to the California State Personnel Board. The key issue in all three cases is retaliation for complaints of sex discrimination in violation of Title IX. After more than a year, the judge in the state board hearings submitted in July 2009 a decision in favor of all three plaintiffs. The California State Personnel Board rejected the ruling, however, and said it will decide the case itself after further written or oral arguments.

### Calling Title IX and High School Athletics Activists

If you or your branch are interested in Title IX and high school athletics issues, please contact [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org) as soon as possible so we can involve you in the upcoming Title IX and high school athletics tool kit and Program in a Box.

### Case Support Travel Grant

State LAF Liaisons can apply for the [Case Support Travel Grant](#) (formerly known as the Plaintiff Travel Grant) to have speakers connected to LAF-supported cases speak at their state or regional meetings. Eligible speakers include past and current LAF-supported plaintiffs, their lawyers, and related experts. Such speakers help AAUW members increase their knowledge of LAF and equity issues in higher education and the workplace. Grants cover the cost of travel, lodging, and meals for the selected speaker. The application deadline is **October 15**.

### Branch Meeting Successes

If you've held or attended a successful AAUW branch meeting on LAF issues, please contact [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org) as soon as possible. We are collecting a list of ideas that branches can access if they need ideas for their meetings.

## Reminders

**Sexual Assault on Campus Project:** LAF is crafting a manual and a Program in a Box focused on campus sexual assault policies in collaboration with the AAUW Research Department, Harvard University law professor and Title IX expert Diane Rosenfeld, her students, and Students Active for Ending Rape. The materials will be released in winter 2009/10.

**Title IX in High School Athletics Project:** In collaboration with the AAUW Research Department and the Legal Aid Society of San Francisco, LAF plans to release a new tool kit and Program in a Box in the fall on Title IX enforcement in high school athletics.

**Case Support:** If you would like to make a case recommendation, please contact [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org). Recommendation forms are accepted on a rolling basis.

**Campus Outreach:** If you would like to receive funding for an LAF Campus Outreach Program in your community, please fill out the form on the [campus outreach page](#) and send it to [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org).

**Online:** For the latest LAF news, visit the AAUW website and [AAUW Dialog](#). The [LAF landing page](#) is updated several times a week to include links to news articles on relevant LAF issues.

Please consider making a [tax-deductible donation to LAF](#) to help balance the scales of justice for women.