STATEMENT OF ADVISOR EXPECTATIONS
August 25, 2020

Cornell’s Campus Code of Conduct (the Code) exists “to protect and promote the University community’s pursuit of its educational goals.” Title One, Art. I.A (2018 Code, p. 1). During proceedings under the Code, every respondent (accused person) has the right “to be advised and accompanied at every stage by an individual of the accused’s choice.” Title One, Art. III.B (2018 Code, p. 14).

The Office of the Judicial Administrator (OJA) welcomes advisors to participate as provided in the Code. With that opportunity, however, also comes the following responsibilities:

• Advisors are expected to conduct themselves consistent with Cornell University’s core value of being “A Community of Belonging” – meaning, among other things, in a way that honors diversity and inclusion, and that supports a welcoming, caring, and equitable community. Therefore, despite the contested nature of some Code proceedings, advisors are expected to treat all Cornell students, staff, and faculty with respect and to demonstrate civility in all Cornell interactions.

• Prior to participating in a matter, advisors must read the Code in its entirety. Advisors are expected to understand and follow the policies outlined in the Code.

• Cornell’s conduct process is a student-centered process, during which it is expected that students generally will speak on their own behalf. OJA staff members retain the right to limit advisors’ level of participation as they deem appropriate and consistent with the Code.

• In their sole discretion, OJA staff members facilitating meetings related to Code proceedings may ask any advisor who repeatedly disrupts, delays, interferes with, or otherwise is disrespectful to leave that meeting. In that case, the individual being served by the advisor may elect to adjourn the meeting once, continue the meeting without an advisor, or in extreme cases, at the discretion of the OJA, will be permitted a reasonable time to find a substitute advisor prior to continuing the meeting.

• Advisors in the Code process who are attorneys must comply at all times with applicable Rules of Professional Conduct and all other rules governing attorney conduct.

• Advisors shall comply with confidentiality requirements as defined in the Code, and with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).