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LeRoy Rooker Joins AACRAO as Senior Fellow and Consultant

AACRAO is pleased to announce that LeRoy Rooker has joined the Association as a Senior Fellow and AACRAO Consultant. Mr. Rooker is the nation's leading authority on the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a comprehensive federal law that provides privacy protections for student education records. As the director of the Department of Education's Family Policy Compliance Office (FPCO) for 21 years, he administered laws and policies designed to help protect the rights of America's 58 million students.

Mr. Rooker is well known to the AACRAO membership because of his extensive outreach to the higher education community while at the Department of Education. His many appearances at AACRAO meetings were "not to be missed" sessions and we are honored that he will continue to share his expertise through AACRAO Consulting. In his new role, LeRoy will offer compliance training, FERPA audits, and other FERPA-related services:

FERPA Training Opportunities

Campus and Institution specific Training can be provided to multiple departments or individual offices to ensure your institution is prepared to follow the required federal guidelines.

Consultation reviews are available to ensure that campus policies and procedures are protecting individual records. Programs can be customized to meet your institution's special needs.

Available training sessions include:

- Best Practices for Colleges and Universities
- FERPA Compliance 101
- FERPA 101: The Short Version
- FERPA: Beyond the Basics
- FERPA: What You Need to Know — "The Update"
- How to Train Your Faculty, Staff and Administration on FERPA: It Can be Done!
- Legal Issues in Records and Registration
- Virginia Tech: Were We Prepared, What Did We Learn, and How We Were Involved in the Decision Processes that Affected the Entire Campus Community in the Aftermath
- FERPA/HIPAA and student health and counseling records
- Electronic signatures and education records release
- Financial aid under FERPA and Gramm-Leach-Bliley

FERPA Audits:

FERPA compliance has become a major issue, and has come under greater scrutiny, following the aftermath of Virginia Tech. AACRAO Consulting can help institutions follow the correct policies and procedures for protecting records. AACRAO can provide FERPA audits at your institution to ensure campus policies and procedures are properly implemented, and issue a FERPA audit certificate upon completion of a successful audit.