

Webinar: Compliance Worldwide: Institutional Approaches to International Compliance – February 2022

Presenter Biographies:

Rachel Durrance

Rachel Durrance started her career with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University as a student assistant with Academic Affairs in 2009. She continued her role with ERAU until 2013, when she graduated with her Bachelor's degree, and was hired for a full-time position within the Academic Affairs department. Currently, as the Associate Director, State Authorizations & Workforce Development, Rachel is responsible for day-to-day management of state authorizations activities and administrative aspects of accreditation. With over 100 campuses in 30 states across the country, Embry-Riddle has one of the most extensive state authorizations operations in the country, and Rachel has been instrumental in supporting the development and implementation of a robust, highly effective process for the university.

Bree Meinberg

Bree Meinberg started her career in Germany with U.S. Air Force Youth Services, and the Department of Defense Education Activity. She continued her government service with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service where she worked in Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan before being recruited to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Campus Operations Department in 2013. In 2015, Bree began her role as Associate Director of State Authorizations and in 2018, the university entered the field of Workforce Development and asked Bree and her team to lead those efforts. Currently, as the Director, State Authorizations & Workforce Development, Bree is responsible for overall oversight of state authorizations, workforce development and accreditation for Embry-Riddle's Worldwide and Online campuses. She has represented the university on various state advisory boards, provided consultation on policy for state regulatory bodies, and has served as a subject matter expert and guest speaker for various organizations.

Emily Woods

Emily Woods is the Distance Learning Compliance Coordinator for the University of Kentucky. She has worked with UK Distance Learning for three years after earning her M.S.Ed in Higher Education at the University of Kentucky. She maintains state authorization and related regulatory compliance for several colleges, including the College of Education and the College of Design.

Emily currently serves on the State Authorization Network (SAN) Advisory Board and leads the SAN Special Interest Team for Professional Licensure Disclosures. She recently founded and co-leads the Kentucky State Authorization Network (SAN-KY) and enjoys collaboration with other institutions to discuss and share compliance strategies. Emily lives in Lexington, KY, and enjoys spending time with her best beagle friend, Hansen.

Christina S. Walker

Christina S. Walker, Esq., J.D., (she/her/hers) works at the University of Kentucky where she analyzes law and regulation pertaining to education/educational activities occurring outside of state borders and

internationally, while ensuring legal compliance through reconciliation of state and federal law and state board regulations; and developing and overseeing related programmatic and policy initiatives.

As a licensed attorney, Christina provides legal representation in a diverse array of areas including veterans' law. Formerly, she served in the U.S. Army where she led logistical operations and trained personnel while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Christina has worked in additional roles of government and successfully served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Judge Pamela R. Goodwine, Kentucky Court of Appeals (5th Appellate District, Division 1).

Currently, Christina is a 3rd year doctoral (Ph.D.) student in the College of Communication and Information, University of Kentucky. Her research intersects pertinent issues of law/regulation, communication and culture.