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Dr. Michael M. DeBowes is an experienced higher education administrator, author, and instructor. From 2007-2014, he served as the Director of Student Conduct & Academic Integrity at Old Dominion University, a large, public, metropolitan research university in southeastern Virginia. In this role, Dr. DeBowes oversaw the student conduct system for academic and nonacademic violations involving undergraduate and graduate students as well as recognized student organizations. Previously, Dr. DeBowes worked in the Center for Student Ethics and Standards at the University of Vermont.

From 2012-2014, Dr. DeBowes served as an Associate with D. Stafford & Associates (DSA). In 2014, he began his tenure with the National Association of Clery Compliance Officers and Professionals as Director of Research and Strategic Initiatives. Dr. DeBowes held the same title with DSA through September 2021 until being promoted to Vice President, Regulatory Compliance and Strategic Initiatives. In these roles, DeBowes provides a variety of consulting, training, and

technical assistance services related to institutional compliance with the Clery Act and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. Dr. DeBowes serves as the Editor of the *Journal of Clery Compliance Officers & Professionals* and has been instrumental in the development of CleryEdge, a powerful, integrated suite of software modules designed to improve Clery Act compliance.

Dr. DeBowes graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Millersville University in 2004; a Master of Education degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration (HESA) from the University of Vermont in 2006; an Education Specialist degree in Educational Leadership from ODU in 2011; and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Higher Education from ODU in 2014. His dissertation examined student conduct administrator knowledge of the statistical reporting obligations of the Clery Act and was recognized by the Association for Student Conduct Administration (ASCA) with the 2015 Dissertation of the Year Award. Dr. DeBowes has published three co-authored book chapters including a chapter on the Clery Act in *Campus Crime: Legal, Social, and Policy Perspectives Legal, Social, and Policy Perspectives* (4<sup>th</sup> edition). Dr. DeBowes has authored numerous NACCOP whitepapers focusing on Clery Act and DFSCA compliance, and he has also contributed to industry and academic journals including the *Security Journal*, *Campus Safety Magazine*, *Academic Perspectives in Higher Education*, and *The Vermont Connection*. Dr. DeBowes has also served as an outside reviewer for the *Journal of College and University Law* and the *International Journal of Communication*.