## NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Georgian Court University is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to programs, facilities, admission, and employment without regard to personal characteristics not related to ability, performance, or qualifications as determined by university policy or by state or federal authorities. It is the policy of the university to maintain an academic and work environment free of discrimination, including harassment. It is a violation of this policy to discriminate if the basis of that discriminatory treatment is, in whole or in part, the person's race, creed, religion, color, national origin, nationality, ancestry, age, gender (including pregnancy and sexual harassment), marital status, domestic partnership or civil union status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, genetic information, mental or physical disability, military service or veteran status, or any other basis that is protected under applicable law.

Further, the university is committed to creating an environment which is free from intolerance directed toward individuals or groups and strives to create and maintain an environment in which people are treated with dignity, decency, and respect. Acts of intolerance violate the principles upon which Georgian Court is built and serve to destroy the fabric of the society we share. Such actions not only do untold and unjust harm to the dignity, safety, and well-being of those who experience this pernicious kind of discrimination but also threaten the reputation of the university and impede the realization of the university's educational mission.

Georgian Court University encourages reporting of all perceived incidents of discrimination or harassment. It is the policy of the university to promptly and thoroughly investigate such reports. Retaliation against any individual who reports discrimination or harassment or who participates in an investigation of such reports is prohibited. Inquiries concerning this policy may be directed to the:

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