

## Biography

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Mr. Olovson serves the University of Cincinnati, a prominent research-1 institution with approximately 45,000 students and 10,000 employees, as Executive Director of Equal Opportunity & Access. In this capacity, Mr. Olovson is responsible for ensuring institutional compliance with Federal and State equal opportunity laws, as well as enforcement of related University programs and policies. With a diverse practice in civil rights, employment, and educational law, Mr. Olovson's career has focused on serving institutions of higher education ensure equity, leverage diversity, and operate inclusively. Prior to his appointment with the University of Cincinnati, Mr. Olovson served as Director of Equal Opportunity and Staff Attorney for Ferris State University, as Assistant Director of Institutional Equity at the University of Notre Dame, and as Assistant Director for Civil Rights and Institutional Equity at Central Michigan University. Prior to beginning his career in higher education, Mr. Olovson's professional experience included work for Legal Services of South Central Michigan, Prison Legal Services of Michigan, the Office of the General Counsel for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and as a youth counselor in community mental health services. Passionate about equity, inclusion, and diversity, Mr. Olovson is an active volunteer with several state and national organizations dedicated to community development and the promotion of social justice.