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Since 2004, certain United States governmental agencies, civil rights organizations, and individuals have attempted to use legal tools, including civil rights laws, to address anti-Semitism in post-secondary educational institutions. These efforts have had various successes, especially at the level of policy, but have also faced setback in particular cases. This paper will examine the strengths and weaknesses of these efforts over the course of the last thirteen years and examine (i) challenges facing these efforts, (ii) the reasons why some efforts have been successful while others have failed, and (iii) the areas towards which future efforts can most fruitfully be directed. Particular attention will be given to the role that definitions, or the absence of definitions, have played in the success or failure these efforts.