

Cullen and Dykman Welcomes Michael DiSiena as Partner in Higher Education Practice Group

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Albany, New York – Cullen and Dykman LLP is pleased to announce that Michael DiSiena has joined the firm as a partner in the firm’s Higher Education practice group. Before joining Cullen and Dykman, Michael served as general counsel for Excelsior University.

Michael brings significant experience across the broad swath of legal issues confronting higher education institutions. In his new role with Cullen and Dykman, Michael’s counsel to our higher education clients will extend to matters including regulatory compliance, governance, accreditation, strategic transactions, risk management, and policy development, furthering the firm’s range in these key areas.

Michael began his legal career with the New York State Legislative Bill Drafting Commission, authoring legislation on behalf of members and administrative agencies. This experience provides added insight as academic institutions work to interpret and implement practical compliance structures responsive to numerous rules and authorities.

“We are pleased to welcome Michael DiSiena to our team. His expertise in higher education law will be a valuable addition to our practice and will enhance the support we provide to our clients,” said Christopher H. Palmer, Managing Partner of Cullen and Dykman.

Michael added, “The higher education landscape and regulatory environment continue to evolve in ways that present both challenges and opportunities for colleges and universities. Yet, in a time of tremendous change, the mission of higher education institutions remains as vital as ever. Cullen and Dykman is known for providing comprehensive representation to educational institutions and I very much look forward to contributing to these efforts.”

Michael earned his J.D. from Washington and Lee University School of Law and his B.A. from Siena College. He is admitted to practice in New York.

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