

# Jennifer A. McLaughlin Named Co-Chair of Cullen and Dykman's Higher Education Practice Group

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Garden City – Jennifer A. McLaughlin has recently been named Co-Chair of Cullen and Dykman's Higher Education practice group. She will be leading the practice area with Co-Chair Dina L. Vespia.

Jennifer regularly advises colleges and universities with respect to policy development and implementation, disability accommodation issues, employment law issues, intellectual property matters as well as internal and external investigations. She litigates cases for colleges and universities commenced under federal and state statutes including proceedings that arise under Article 78 of the New York Civil Practice Laws and Rules. Jennifer also advises colleges and universities on Title IX matters, investigations and regularly serves as a TIX hearing panelist. She also served as Associate Counsel for a large private University where she provided counsel to senior administrators on a full range of legal and compliance matters, as well as representation of the University in labor and employment arbitration and litigation.

Cullen and Dykman's Managing Partner Christopher H. Palmer stated, "Our higher education practice group is one of the most renown and fastest growing in the region, led by both Jen and Dina, who have vast experience in resolving the most complex challenges confronting colleges and universities. Having Jen as Co-Chair is especially critical to assisting our clients as she has a valuable dual perspective, having also served as in-house counsel at a major local university. Our clients trust Cullen and Dykman to handle their many operational and legal needs, allowing them to focus on their educational mission."

Fellow Co-Chair Dina Vespia noted, "I could not be more excited to team up with a leader like Jen. Her expertise in the higher education space is a tremendous benefit to clients and our growing practice."

Partner Jennifer A. McLaughlin added, "I look forward to my continued work with Dina and the rest of the higher education team to further advance our clients' shared goal of student success."

# About Cullen and Dykman's Higher Education Practice Group

Our firm's Higher Education practice group is a multidisciplinary team committed to helping colleges and universities navigate the ever-changing higher education landscape. Our attorneys have expertise in various areas affecting academic institutions, including: regulatory compliance, labor and employment, governance,

corporate transactions, bond financing, tax, intellectual property, real estate, construction, environmental, data privacy and cybersecurity, internal investigations, advising distressed institutions, and litigation.

### About Cullen and Dykman

Cullen and Dykman LLP (www.cullenllp.com) has been providing legal services to institutional clients since 1850. The firm represents a wide range of clients, including banks and other financial institutions, energy, telecommunications and water companies, construction companies, insurers, educational institutions, religious organizations, and not-for-profits. With over 190 attorneys in seven offices located throughout the Northeast and MidAtlantic regions, Cullen and Dykman is strategically positioned to meet the changing needs and demands of our clients.

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