

# Partner Dina Vespia Named Co-Chair of Cullen and Dykman's Higher Education Practice Group

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Garden City – July 1, 2022 – **Dina Vespia**, a partner in Cullen and Dykman LLP's Corporate Department, has recently been named Co-Chair of the firm's **Higher Education practice group**. She will be leading the practice area with Co-Chair **James Ryan**.

Dina provides legal advice and counsel to colleges and universities, secondary schools, and other not-for-profit organizations on a wide variety of legal matters, including state and federal regulatory compliance, governance issues, student affairs, accreditation, academic affairs, contracts, and other general corporate matters. She works closely with clients' executive leadership teams and boards to address legal considerations that arise in the context of the clients' regular day-to-day operations, and has particular experience advising institutions that are experiencing financial challenges to navigate the complex regulatory landscape as they evaluate various strategic options to strengthen their financial condition and long-term sustainability.

Cullen and Dykman's Managing Partner Christopher H. Palmer stated, "Dina has played a vital role in the success of our Higher Education practice group, which will continue to thrive under her oversight and guidance. She consistently earns the confidence of our clients through her legal acumen, extensive industry knowledge, and strong leadership. Additionally, Dina will continue to serve as Chair of Cullen and Dykman's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, ensuring the firm's values, such as collaboration, inclusivity, and innovation, underpin all that we do."

Dina added, "The higher education landscape is rapidly changing. Every day, our college and university clients face new challenges, not the least of which is finding effective ways to educate students during a global pandemic." She continued by saying, "Now more than ever, I'm excited to play a key role in our Higher Education practice group to support these institutions so they can focus on their critical missions—imparting knowledge and providing opportunities that shape future generations."

## 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 ([www.cullenllp.com](http://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.

## Practices

- Higher Education

## Attorneys

- Dina L. Vespia