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Offit Kurman Expands Title IX and Student Discipline Practice with Addition of Accomplished Litigation Team

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Offit Kurman announces the expansion of its Title IX and Student Discipline Practice Group with the arrival of a dynamic litigation team led by principal Kimberly C. Lau, along with attorney James Figliozi and paralegal Ninoska J. Deoleo.

"The addition of Kimberly, James, and Ninoska reinforces the firm's dedication to providing comprehensive representation in the complex and evolving fields of Title IX, student discipline, and education law," said [Timothy C. Lynch](#), President of Offit Kurman.

Kimberly C. Lau, a principal and chair of the Title IX and Education Practice Group, brings storied experience and a proven track record to Offit Kurman. Her practice encompasses Title IX, academic issues, special education, defamation, First Amendment, due process, and civil rights litigation. Having represented over 300 students and faculty nationwide, Kimberly has achieved numerous successes, including a landmark \$5.3 million jury verdict in a South Carolina defamation and conspiracy case involving Clemson University students, and a favorable settlement in a high-profile Title IX lawsuit against Columbia University. Kimberly's impactful work has earned her national recognition on platforms such as CNN, ABC's *Nightline*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and more.

"Joining Offit Kurman allows me to support my national practice and continue my work advocating for fairness and due process in student and faculty disciplinary matters," said Kimberly. "This is an exciting opportunity to further expand the reach of my Title IX and education law practice while collaborating with a dynamic team of attorneys dedicated to achieving meaningful outcomes for our clients."

Joining Kimberly is James E. Figliozi, a skilled commercial litigator with a broad practice that includes Title IX cases, college disciplinary proceedings, special education disputes,

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and defamation matters. His methodical approach ensures that clients receive strategic and effective representation in even the most complex disputes.

Ninoska J. Deoleo, an experienced and bilingual paralegal, completes the team. With a strong background in litigation support and proficiency in legal technologies, Ninoska's contributions ensure seamless case management and client support. Her ability to navigate multifaceted cases adds critical value to the team's operations.

Offit Kurman's Title IX and Student Discipline practice offers robust legal support to students, faculty, and educational institutions, ensuring the protection of due process and civil rights in state and federal litigation, disciplinary proceedings, and appeals nationwide.