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Services and sector groups

- Litigation
- Title IX
- Injunctions and Emergency Relief
- Fiduciary Litigation
- Education

Kimberly represents universities, colleges, school districts, charter schools, and educators on a variety of education law matters. She advises on policies and regulations with a special focus on Title IX and risk management.

She advises clients on student and faculty rights, policy development, contract management, and compliance with federal and state education laws. Her work includes matters involving Title IX, Title IV, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Campus Security Act, the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Kimberly represents educational institutions in due process hearings, government investigations, and state and federal court proceedings, including the defense of Title IX and civil rights claims. She also provides training to boards, administrators, faculty, employees, and students on legal compliance obligations.

Her litigation practice also includes business disputes involving contracts, warranties, real estate, and statutory obligations, as well as fiduciary matters involving estate executors, trustees, and beneficiaries. Kimberly represents clients in trial and appellate courts, arbitrations, and before administrative agencies.

Kimberly draws on more than 25 years of education and litigation experience to help clients assess risk, address disputes, and make informed decisions.

“The knowledge that Kim Colonna brings to the conversation immediately puts me at ease and allows me then to make the appropriate decisions for our school district. She is always accessible. If she cannot answer my messages right away, she calls me back within that same day and is always accessible to help me brainstorm and problem solve any issues that I have brought to her.” *Theresa Kreider, former Director of Student Support Services (Retired), Penn Manor School District*

Representative experience

- Business partners: Obtained a judgment exceeding \$1 million in a partnership dispute.
- Educational Institutions: Obtained dismissal of Title IX claims and prevailed on appeal, affirming the dismissal ruling.
- Special Education: Obtained many favorable rulings for schools on IDEA and Section 504 claims.
- Estate executor: Defended client against claims in multimillion-dollar estate litigation.
- Public records matter: Obtained injunctive relief for violations of the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law.
- Business client: Obtained compensatory and punitive damages in an unfair trade practices dispute.
- Corporate trustee: Defended client against a claim seeking invasion of principal held in trusts for a disabled minor.
- Employer: Litigated enforcement of noncompetition and nonsolicitation agreements.

Education

- Penn State University Dickinson School of Law, J.D.
- Saint Vincent College, B.A., English and education

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Recognition

- Harrisburg Magazine Local Legal Leaders, 2015
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers®, 2013, 2014
- Select Lawyers, 2014-present
- Vincent College Alumni of Distinction Award
- Lawyer on the Fast Track, 2012
- Central Penn Business Journal, Forty Under 40, 2011
- YWCA Tribute to Women of Excellence Award, 2008

Professional and community involvement

- National Association of College and University Attorneys, 2000-present; Committee on Legal Resources, Vice-Chair, 2020-24; Committee on Legal Resources, Chair, 2025-present
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Dauphin County Bar Association
- Lawyers Advisory Committee to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- Saint Vincent College, Board of Directors, Vice Chair, 2018-present; Fred Rogers Committee, Chair, 2020-present