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Kalani Linnell is an experienced education law practitioner with a keen understanding of the issues from both a legal and practical standpoint. She advises clients in matters involving special education, student civil rights, and operations/practices.

In the years before joining the firm, Kalani worked with law firms with significant education law practices. She also worked as an investigator and hearing officer for a consulting firm that advised educational institutions in major areas of legal compliance. She also worked as a teacher in a large Pennsylvania school district prior to attending law school. As such, she has a deep understanding of the challenges teachers and administrators face on a daily basis in terms of discipline, safety, and plan/goal implementation.

She is especially dedicated to the issue of Title IX compliance. Having intensely studied the Department of Education's 2020 Title IX regulations, she was invited by the State University of New York to join a select group of attorneys providing guidance on the rules. She also advised the Pennsylvania School Board Association on model policies relating to Title IX, and presented on "The Intersection of Title IX and Special Education" at the Council for School Attorneys/ National School Boards Association conference in 2023.

She maintains a constant commitment to professional development by seeking opportunities to learn, grow and share through client in-service training, writing legal alerts and articles on cutting-edge topics, and presenting live continuing legal education programs and seminars.

### EDUCATION

Drexel University, Thomas R. Kline School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*)

West Chester University of Pennsylvania (B.S.Ed., *magna cum laude*)

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

United States District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania

United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Audit of Operations and Practices

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Right-to-Know Law

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