

## Barton Gilman Opens Philadelphia Office

Patricia Hennessy, Kathleen Nagle, Christopher Barrett and Adam Alaa Attia expand Barton Gilman's education practice into Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland

PHILADELPHIA, PA, UNITED STATES, July 30, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -Recently, Patricia A. Hennessy, Kathleen M. Nagle and Christopher A. Barrett have founded Barton Gilman's Philadelphia office to serve the needs of public charter schools, private schools, and religious schools in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland. Additionally, education attorney Adam Alaa Attia has joined the team.

A nationally recognized charter schools advocate, <u>Hennessy brings</u> twenty years of experience in the representation of



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charter schools and cyber charter schools, charter management organizations and charter advocacy organizations in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland. Hennessy serves on the National Litigation Council for the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools and is a long-term member of the Alliance of Public Charter School Attorneys as well as multiple city and state charter advocacy organizations. She also works extensively with private, boarding and religious schools on a wide range of legal issues. Hennessy is a board member of the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools and serves as Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee. She received a J.D. from Temple University School of Law, a B.A., cum laude, from Temple University, and is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland.

Nagle focuses her practice on education law and commercial litigation, advising charter schools on all aspects of charter school operations to ensure compliance with federal and state laws, and administrative regulations. She also handles complex commercial litigation matters from the administrative level in state and federal courts. Additionally, Nagle's experience in the white-collar criminal defense arena – including internal investigations, grand jury and federal

courtrooms, are a valuable resource for organizations in the public arena. She received a J.D. from Villanova University School of Law, a B.A. from Villanova University, and is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Barrett represents and advises K-12 schools, including charter schools and education support organizations. He has years of experience serving as solicitor to public school boards of education and charter schools, providing daily counsel to school administrators, public boards of education and charter schools, litigating matters on behalf of his school clients before state courts and state and federal administrative agencies, and providing trainings and seminars to school board members, school administrators, and staff members. Additionally, Barrett provides representation to municipalities, police and fire departments, and government officials in labor and employment matters and complex civil litigation. He received a J.D. from Widener University School of Law, a B.A. from Saint Joseph's University, and is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Attia joins the firm from the Pennsylvania Governor's Office of General Counsel for the Department of Education where he served as Assistant Counsel. He represents schools in contract negotiations, procurement processes, and application drafting and renewal. Attia served on the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Equity and Inclusion Task Force, the Pennsylvania Governor's LGBTQ+ Work Group, and as a legal aid and translator for the Nationalities Service Center Immigrant and Refugee Service Organization. He received a J.D. from Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, a B.A., cum laude, from Temple University, and is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania.

"We are thrilled to have Pat, Kathy, Chris and Adam join the Barton Gilman family - expanding our geographic reach and further enhancing our ability to serve the legal needs of our education clients with experience and excellence," said co-managing partner, Matthew R. Plain.

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