



METHFESSEL & WERBEL
A Professional Corporation

The Leading Insurance and Claims Attorneys

SPECIAL REPORT

Methfessel & Werbel Adds Five New Attorneys to Education, Civil Rights Team



[M&W Education Law Group Members (L to R) Jennifer Osborne, Angela Gurrera, Eric Harrison, Jeff Merlino, Jared Schure, Athina Cornell, Raina Pitts, Kajal Patel]

We are excited to welcome new partners Athina Lekas Cornell, Jennifer Osborne, and Jeff Merlino together with attorneys Paul Griggs and Beth Bolger, formerly of Cornell, Merlino and Osborne LLC.

Effective July 1, 2024, Athina Cornell will chair the firm's Education Law Group, which will operate within the Employment/Civil Rights Group chaired by M&W partner Eric Harrison. The

Education Law Group will continue its rich history of serving boards of education throughout the State with decades of experience. Our combined focus of working expeditiously to achieve the most favorable results for all of our clients, while providing high quality legal support and counsel, has only strengthened as a result of this new partnership.

Harrison stated: "As colleagues in the education law world, Athina, Jen, and Jeff have shared clients with us for more than 20 years as we have expanded from a strictly litigation defense counsel role to the role of advisers in education law and litigation. We have learned a lot from them, and I can't think of a better way to serve our clients than to partner with them formally."

Commented Cornell: "We have worked with Eric and his team successfully to the

benefit of our boards of education for many years. M&W's approach is a perfect fit: they are client focused, collaborative in nature, and they recognize the importance of developing enduring relationships with clients. We could not have asked for better partners."

Eric may be reached at
harrison@methwerb.com, Athina at
cornell@methwerb.com

The Methfessel & Werbel Special Report is published solely for the interest of friends and clients of Methfessel & Werbel and should in no way be relied upon or construed as legal advice or counsel. For specific information on recent developments or advice regarding particular factual situations, the opinion of legal counsel should be sought.

Methfessel & Werbel

2025 Lincoln Highway • Suite 200 • P.O. Box 3012 • Edison, NJ 08818 • (732) 248-4200 • FAX (732) 248-2355
112 West 34th Street • 17th Floor • New York, NY 10120 • (212) 947-1999 • FAX (212) 947-3332
One Liberty Place • 1650 Market St., 36th Floor • Philadelphia, PA 19103 • (215) 665-5622 • FAX (215) 665-5623
101 Federal Street • Suite 1900 • Boston, MA 02110 • (617) 204-5630 • FAX (617) 977-9398