Porzio, Bromberg & Newman Grows Education Compliance Team with Addition of Kathleen Ehling, MAT, J.D.

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Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C., a multidisciplinary law firm, proudly announces that Kathleen Ehling, MAT, J.D., has joined Porzio Compliance Services (PorzioCS) as Assistant Vice President of Educational Services. In addition to her role at PorzioCS, Ehling will serve as Of Counsel at Porzio, Bromberg & Newman to support education law-related matters.

A nationally respected education compliance leader with over two decades of experience in federal, state, and special education support services, Kathleen will bolster the growing PorzioCS team, partnering with school districts, education agencies, and grant-funded programs to meet compliance obligations efficiently. Her addition to the team highlights an increased focus on talent growth at PorzioCS in the education industry, with Dr. Christina L. Van Woert joining the team in April 2025 as Senior Education Specialist.

“We are so pleased that Kathleen has joined our compliance services team as we continue to grow and add leaders who can provide collaborative, client-focus solutions,” said Vito A. Gagliardi, Jr., Managing Principal of Porzio and President and CEO of PorzioCS. “Kathleen has been an educator, an administrator and a trusted legal advisor for decades, and that unique perspective and regulatory knowledge will allow her to meet the needs of our clients in an evolving educational environment.”

Kerri A. Wright, Principal and Co-Chair of Porzio's Education and Employment teams added, “Kathleen's 22-plus years in federal and state education law, special education compliance and K-12 regulatory policy are uniquely beneficial. Our clients can maintain confidence under Kathleen's leadership that any legal challenges will be met with practicality, clarity, and efficiency.”

Prior to joining Porzio, Kathleen served for over 20 years at the New Jersey Department of Education, most recently as Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Educational Services. Kathleen holds a Juris Doctor from Rutgers University School of Law–Camden, a Master of Arts in Teaching from The College of New Jersey, and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Delaware.

“I am thrilled to join the Porzio Family of Companies as we continue to support parents, students and schools across the region,” said Ehling. “As I begin this next chapter of my career, I look forward to working with Porzio's education and compliance experts to help our clients navigate financial challenges and maximize what they do best, focusing on the future of education for years to come.”