

# Cooley Adds California University Attorney and Regulatory Policy Advocate

Cooley is enhancing its higher education practice with the addition of Katherine "Kate" Lee Carey who is joining the firm's San Diego office as Special Counsel.

Carey has more than 14 years of experience in the legal, accreditation, administrative and regulatory aspects of higher education institutions and companies that provide services to the education industry. Most recently she served as the General Counsel and Vice President for Government Affairs at West Coast University and American Career College in California.

"Kate not only has tremendous hands-on experience but she is a highly-regarded leader in the formulation of California higher education policy," said Mike Goldstein, the Washington, DC-based head of Cooley's higher education practice. "Her arrival will strengthen our ability to assist our clients in their dealings with a complex web of regulatory agencies at all levels of government."

In addition to her unique insider's perspective regarding the day-to-day legal issues facing nationally and regionally accredited institutions, Carey brings deep experience in the development and implementation of legislative and policy priorities at the federal and state levels, including preparing legislative strategies and working on advocacy efforts. She currently serves on the Board of the California Association of Private Postsecondary Schools and on the Advisory Board for the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education.

A release from Cooley continues:

“Beyond her regulatory and policy expertise, Kate will provide strong leadership and expert guidance on legal issues relating to general business matters such as labor and employment law, student-related concerns and processes, litigation management and dispute resolution,” said Jay Vaughan, Cooley education partner who also focuses on regulatory issues impacting Cooley’s West Coast clients.

### *About Cooley’s Higher Education Practice*

Cooley is at the forefront of the global transformation of the education and edtech sectors. The firm’s 2014 merger with DC-based regulatory firm Dow Lohnes has created a premier education industry practice, benefiting from Cooley’s long history as a leading technology law firm and coupled with best-in-class emerging company, business, IP and litigation practices to serve efficiently this fast-changing global sector.

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