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KRISTIAN D. WALKER APPOINTED TO THE RENAISSANCE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL OF THE ARTS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rochester, New York, January 21, 2021 – Harter Secrest & Emery LLP, a full-service business law firm with offices throughout New York, announced that [Kristian D. Walker](#), an associate in the firm’s [Government and Internal Investigations](#) practice, has been appointed to serve on the Renaissance Academy Charter School of the Arts Board of Trustees.

Renaissance Academy Charter School of the Arts is a public charter school located in Rochester, NY, with 506 students in grades K through 6. Their mission is to provide children an enriched and rigorous education through the humanities and arts integration leading to success in college, careers, and life.

Walker represents organizations and individuals in a range of civil, regulatory, and criminal investigations, including civil fraud matters arising under state and federal False Claims Acts. She has experience handling criminal defense proceedings, working on internal investigations, and conducting litigation. Before joining HSE, Walker served as an honors intern with the FBI in Washington D.C., where she assisted the legal and criminal investigations departments in conducting internal investigations. In addition, she has worked for private clients, whom she defended and counseled in criminal proceedings, and served as a legal intern at a national health care system and insurer where she analyzed health care legal issues.

She earned her law degree, *cum laude*, from Syracuse University College of Law, along with a master’s degree in forensic science from Syracuse University’s Forensic & National Security Sciences Institute, and her B.S. from Cornell University.

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health care, civil rights, antitrust, government contracting, public corruption, and fraud, among a variety of other areas, and frequently represents organizations and professionals in the education and health care sectors. Harter Secrest & Emery also conducts internal investigations to assist clients in assessing and addressing legal risks.

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