



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Mr. Brian Ozog – Director of Program Strategy and Compliance**

The Winston Knolls Education Group

HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL (September 24, 2018) Brian Ozog, who has practiced law for nineteen years and most recently WKEG's outside General Counsel, has been named Winston Knolls Education Group's first-ever Director of Program Strategy and Compliance including serving as WKEG staff counsel. Brian will begin his duties on Monday, September 24, 2018.

As director of program strategy and compliance, Brian will assist the executive staff in developing, executing, and sustaining the organization's and programs' strategic initiatives. In addition, he will be overseeing, monitoring and managing regulatory compliance efforts of the organization and all of its programs, including designing and implementing internal controls, policies and procedures to assure compliance with Illinois State Board of Education; Illinois Purchase Review Board; and all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations, while having oversight responsibilities of the human resource department and the Knolls Center for Autism. As WKEG staff in-house counsel, Brian will continue advising the Board and senior executive staff on all legal matters, including faculty / staff disciplinary issues, employment matters, governance, contractual affairs, in addition to oversight and monitoring of any potential litigation.

"Brian has been valuable as our General Council for many years, I am extremely pleased to have him joining our senior executive staff team", said Val Belmonte, WKEG president and CEO. Belmonte goes on to say, "Brian has extensive law experience, a vast knowledge of non-profit organizations, and is extremely familiar with WKEG making him well-equipped to provide support, leadership and counsel to the organization as we strive to grow, effectively operate and provide expansive program offerings to our students and the ASD community".

"I am incredibly excited to be joining the Winston Knolls Education Group and Winston Knoll School's exceptional staff and to work with a very supportive Board of Directors," said Ozog. "I feel privileged to get the opportunity to combine my legal career with my passion for education, service to the ASD community and my commitment to WKEG."

Brian Ozog received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and his Juris Doctor Degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law at Illinois Institute of Technology.

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