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The College Admissions Scandal: When Can a Donation Be Construed as a Bribe?

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In the largest scandal of its kind, the Department of Justice (DOJ) recently charged almost 50 college and university officials, coaches, and celebrities with using bribery and fraud to circumvent the traditional college admissions process. A popular social media meme has been: "Why didn't those rich parents simply donate a building to the school?" But in that scenario, would those parents still be seeking to wrongfully purchase influence?

In this webinar, former DOJ prosecutor and current Nelson Mullins partner Nekia Hackworth Jones, together with Higher Education Practice Leader Dan Cohen, will discuss the criminal case, its implications for college and university fundraising and recruiting efforts, and best practices to prevent your school's fundraising processes from crossing the line.

Discussion topics will include:

- In light of the criminal charges, what factors differentiate a donation from a bribe, particularly when the donor expects to receive influence, if not quid pro quo?
- When could a donation become subject to government scrutiny?
- In the athletics context, when should a school question a donation from the parent of a student-athlete to a school's athletics program?

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- What can colleges and universities do to reduce litigation and compliance risks in their fundraising and recruiting practices?

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