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### **Ray Cotton on USC Max Nikias' Exit Counsel**

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Washington D.C. partner Ray Cotton told the Los Angeles Times his thoughts on events surrounding the University of Southern California's decision to push out former president C.L. Max Nikias.

Though Nikias is known for dramatically transforming USC's campus and raising more than \$7 billion for the school, many others associate his term with scandal. Nikias has chosen Bruce Ramer, a longtime trustee, for legal representation during his exit, which Cotton says may be a conflict of interest. "The optics of it are not good for the school, and I wouldn't recommend it," Cotton told the Los Angeles Times.

Cotton has represented more than 400 boards of trustees and college presidents in his more than 25 years of practice. He has been recognized by Chambers USA for his Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation practice and by Best Lawyers in America for Education Law.

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