Cozen O'Connor Commits $150,000 in Services to Minority and Traditionally Underrepresented Entrepreneurs in Philadelphia

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PHILADELPHIA, June 12, 2020 — Cozen O'Connor, through its startup program COpilot, has launched a program, committing an initial sum of $150,000 in legal services to minority and traditionally underrepresented entrepreneurs in the tri-state region. Led by Michael Crossey and Christopher McDemus, co-chairs of Cozen O'Connor's Emerging Business & Venture Capital Practice, the initiative is part of the firm's COpilot program. COpilot provides qualified young startups and new entrepreneurs with access to discounted legal services and deferrals.

Through the new initiative underrepresented entrepreneurs will have access to the firm's attorneys and receive an initial grant of services. Companies who are selected to participate in this new program have the opportunity to continue working with Cozen O'Connor after the initial grant expires, but are not obligated do so. The firm plans to collaborate with entrepreneurial organizations in the mid-Atlantic region to identify eligible businesses, as well as conduct outreach to local universities.

Beyond this initial program, Cozen O'Connor will explore how it can further help underrepresented entrepreneurs and will continue to build out its minority entrepreneur program in COpilot as well as look into expanding their outreach to Pittsburgh, New York, and Los Angeles.

About Cozen O'Connor

Established in 1970, Cozen O'Connor has more than 925 attorneys who help clients manage risk and make better business decisions. The firm counsels clients on their most sophisticated legal matters in all areas of the law, including litigation, corporate, and regulatory law. Representing a broad array of leading global corporations and middle market companies, Cozen O'Connor services its clients' needs through 33 offices across two continents.

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