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Mila Kofman joined the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute as an Assistant Research Professor in November 2001. She conducts a range of studies on the uninsured and underinsured problems focusing on private market reforms, regulation, access, affordability, adequacy of job-based and individual health coverage, cost-shifting, and financing strategies including health savings accounts and association health plans. Ms. Kofman is a published author whose work includes a report on health insurance scams (published by BNA) and articles on state and federal health insurance reforms in peer review journals. She has presented on these topics to a wide range of audiences including elected officials, regulators, insurance industry, and consumer groups. She has also testified before the U.S. Senate. She has served as an expert witness in civil and criminal cases involving health insurance scams and unauthorized insurance.

She is recognized (and cited) as a national expert on insurance regulation, unauthorized insurance, and ERISA by the National Public Radio, CNN, CNN Financial, CBS Evening News, *BusinessWeek*, *Consumer Reports*, the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, the *L.A. Times*, the *Chicago Tribune*, *Forbes*, *U.S. News and World Report*, Associated Press, AM Best, and other national and trade press.

Ms. Kofman was appointed to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Consumer Participation Board of Trustees in 2002 for a 2-year term and reappointed in 2004 for a 2-year term. She also serves on the Board of Directors for URAC (a health care accreditation firm).

Ms. Kofman was a federal regulator at the U.S. Department of Labor from 1997 to 2001. She worked with federal and state legislators developing health care initiatives and worked on federal legislation concerning managed care reform, access and association health plans, retiree health, Medicare prescription drug coverage, tax credits, and other proposals affecting private health coverage. Ms. Kofman developed guidance to implement HIPAA and other federal reforms. In the fall of 2000, she was a special assistant to the Senior Health Care Advisor to the President at the Domestic Policy Council at the White House assisting with legislative and regulatory health care reform initiatives including the Patient's Bill of Rights, long-term care insurance, nursing home reform, and ERISA reform. In March 2000, Ms. Kofman was honored with the Labor Secretary's Exceptional Achievement Award.

Prior to joining the Department of Labor, Ms. Kofman was Counsel for Health Policy and Regulation at the Institute for Health Policy Solutions (IHPS). She researched and analyzed state initiatives on access, cost, and quality of health insurance for small businesses and individuals. She also worked with employer purchasing coalitions. Prior to joining IHPS, Ms. Kofman worked at the NAIC and a private law firm.

Ms. Kofman holds a law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland, College Park (*summa cum laude*).