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Overview

Megan focuses her practice on Intellectual Property Litigation and Artificial Intelligence (AI), boasting a robust background in legal research and writing. Megan's practice covers both litigation and advising work, focusing on copyright, trademark, patent, trade secret, and privacy law, as well as evolving laws, regulations on artificial intelligence across multiple industries, and providing clients up-to-date information from the intellectual property and AI legal landscape.

In her practice, Megan has authored legal memoranda on various topics, including the legal implications of using an AI chatbot, CAN-SPAM Act's opt-out requirements, and reverse engineering software code under the DMCA. She also researched safe innovation of AI, AI's impact on intellectual property ownership, and ethical implementation of AI in the legal profession.

Megan's contributions extend to drafting template AI acceptable use policies, AI governance policies, and intellectual property cease-and-desist letters. In addition, she performed due diligence reviews of third-party agreements and intellectual property registrations in an asset acquisition, with a keen eye for potential intellectual property implications.

Prior to joining Benesch, Megan gained practical experience in trademark prosecution during her tenure as a legal intern at the Akron Law Trademark Clinic. In this role, she skillfully executed trademark availability searches using Corsearch® and the USPTO's former Trademark Electronic Search System (TESS). Megan also managed client communications, overseeing their trademark needs and prerequisites, and successfully filed and prosecuted trademark applications under a limited recognition license through the USPTO Law School Clinic Certificate Program.

By understanding the importance of having clear, concise, and up-to-date information as a former journalist and lawyer, Megan works to give clients a well-rounded understanding of intellectual property law and AI.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- The University of Akron School of Law, 2023, J.D. / LL.M (Intellectual Property), *summa cum laude*
  - Dean's List
  - Akron Law Honors Scholar
  - Akron Law Moot Court Honor Society President (2021 - 2023)
  - Akron Law Review Associate Editor (2022 - 2023), Assistant Editor (2021 - 2022)
  - 1L LCLD Scholar (2021)
  - CALI Award: Licensing IP (2022); Patent Law & Policy (2022); Trademark Law (2022); Copyright Law (2021); LARW (2021)
- The University of Akron, 2020, B.A., Communications, *summa cum laude*, Media Studies
  - Williams Honors Scholar
  - Student Accessibility Group at Akron President (2019 - 2020)
  - Public Relations Student Society President (2020)
  - The Buchtelite Student Newspaper Editor-in-Chief (2019 - 2020); Copy Editor (2018 - 2019); News Correspondent (2018)
  - President & Dean's List
  - A-Key Blue Award Recipient (2020)

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Certifications & Licenses:

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) Governance, Securiti Inc.
- First-Year Associates: Litigation, Hotshot Inc.
- First-Year Associates: Corporate, Hotshot Inc.
- Intellectual Property Certificate, University of Akron School of Law

- Litigation Research, Thomson Reuters
- COBOT Expert – Word Contract, Procertas
- Advanced Legal Research, Thomson Reuters
- Decision-Making Strategies, LinkedIn
- Interpersonal Communication, LinkedIn
- Lexis+ Practice-Ready Certification, LexisNexis
- COBOT Qualified – Word Brief, Procertas
- Lexis+ Proficiency Certification, LexisNexis
- Essential Legal Research, Thomson Reuters
- Foundations of Effective Legal Research, Thomson Reuters

Memberships

- American Bar Association
  - Member, Entertainment and Sports Industry Committee
  - Member, Intellectual Property Law Committee
  - Member, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Committee
  - Member, Women in the Profession Committee
- Ohio State Bar Association
  - Chair, Intellectual Property Section
- Member, Cleveland Intellectual Property Law Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
  - Head of Communications, Cyber+ Section
- Member, International Trademark Association
- Advisory Board Member, Cuyahoga Community College Respiratory Care Program

Beyond the office

Favorite Quote:

“You must always have faith in people. And most importantly, you must always have faith in yourself.” - Elle Woods, *Legally Blonde*

Hobbies:

Drinking coffee, listening to music, playing video games with my siblings, and cooking with my mom.

News & Insights

- Columbus Business First Highlights Benesch Insights on AI Prompt Risks and Litigation Exposure
  June 9, 2026 | Contributed Content & Presentations
- Megan Parker Published in ABA GPSolo Magazine | "Fighting AI and Deepfake Misuse in Music"
  December 5, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Megan Parker Published in ABA Landslide Magazine on Supreme Court Copyright Ruling
  August 14, 2025 | Contributed Content & Presentations
- Texas Joins Growing State-by-State AI Regulation in Enacting Comprehensive AI System Law
  July 23, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Key Considerations in Developing a Comprehensive AI Governance Policy and Mitigating Risks of AI Use
  January 29, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Megan Parker Quoted in ABA Journal | “Lawyer with Muscular Dystrophy Shoots for the Stars”
  August 6, 2024 | Media Mentions
- Utah Generative AI Disclosure Law Takes Effect as Part of Consumer Protection Legislation
  June 5, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Colorado Jumps to Head of the Line, Enacts First Comprehensive State AI Consumer Protection Law
  May 31, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Supreme Court Rejects Three-Year Damages Bar in Copyright Infringement Actions
  May 16, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights
- New AI Security Bill Introduced to Improve Tracking and Processing of AI Security and Safety Incidents
  May 13, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- Employable Until Proven Otherwise / Megan C. Parker
  October 28, 2025 | Speaking Engagement
- After the Hype: Practical Applications of AI | Angela R. Gott, Megan C. Parker
  October 23, 2025 | Speaking Engagement
- AI Use Cases for Lawyers | Megan C. Parker
  June 18, 2025 | Speaking Engagement

- E-Commerce Battlegrounds: Inside the Black Box of Platform IP Enforcement | Megan C. Parker
  March 24, 2025 | Speaking Engagement
- Employment Appreciation Dinner - Keynote Speaker | Megan C. Parker
  March 11, 2025 | Speaking Engagement