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Overview

Meghan represents clients in a broad range of civil litigation and commercial matters, including breach of contract disputes, trade secret misappropriation, business torts, and employment claims. She is experienced in drafting briefs, motions, written discovery, and conducting legal research to support her client's needs and build strong cases.

Currently, Meghan is part of the team representing Smartmatic, a voting machine company, in several high-profile lawsuits related to defamatory statements made after the 2020 U.S. Presidential election, including a $2.7 billion lawsuit against Fox News.

In addition to her practice, Meghan is passionate about pro bono service. She represents individuals in Section 1983 cases, VAWA petitions, criminal appeals, and discrimination matters. Notably, she is part of the team representing a Jewish customer in a federal discrimination lawsuit against Jerusalem Coffee House in Oakland, CA.

Meghan earned her law degree from the University of Illinois Chicago Law School. Prior to law school, she worked with City Year, an educational non-profit focused on reducing dropout rates in underserved communities.

Representative Matters

- Represented and obtained a favorable settlement for a global voting machine company against a news outlet in a contentious and high-profile defamation case.
- Defended multiple threatened class actions regarding the labeling of popular snack foods products.

- Obtained a Temporary Restraining Order in Nassau County Supreme Court for a home healthcare provider, preventing the New York State Department of Health from enforcing an expulsion sanction and ensuring continuity of care for thousands of patients.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, 2023, J.D., *summa cum laude*
  - Top Grade Award
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    - Lawyering Skills I: Civil Rights
    - Constitutional Law I
    - Evidence
  - Candidacy Editor, *UIC Law Review*
  - Competitor, 2022-2023 UIC Law Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Team
  - Trial Advocacy & Dispute Resolution Council
  - Moot Court Honors Council
  - Women's Law Caucus
- University of Wisconsin, 2018, B.A., Legal Studies and Social Welfare
  - Certificate in Education and Educational Studies

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northen District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

News & Insights

- Benesch Attorneys Mark Silberman, Ryan Levitt, Johanes Maliza, SaDella Duval D'Adrian and Meghan Golden Published in IICLE Federal Criminal Practice 2026
  July 1, 2026 | Contributed Content & Presentations

- The Long Tail of the Opioid Crisis: How AGs Continue to Pursue Manufacturers, Distributors, Pharmacies
  February 18, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Grohman, Levitt and Golden Publish PPP Loan Fraud Enforcement Analysis in Westlaw Today
  May 6, 2025 | Media Mentions
- Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP") Loan Fraud: A Survey & Analysis of Recent Civil & Criminal Enforcement Outcomes
  April 14, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Benesch Secures TRO Against New York State DOH, Protecting Client's $380M Home Healthcare Business
  March 4, 2025 | Press Releases
- Bryna Dahlin, Mark Silberman, Ryan Levitt, and Meghan Golden Publish Article on DOJ Scrutiny of Cannabis Industry PPP Loans in Cannabis Business Executive
  September 4, 2024 | Media Mentions
- Engaging in Activities that Violate Federal Law? DOJ Scrutiny of PPP Loan Recipients Turns to Ancillary Companies Supporting the Cannabis Industry
  July 16, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights
- SaDella Duval D'Adrian and Meghan Golden mentioned in Crain's Chicago People on the Move
  December 20, 2023 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Introduces Latest Class of Associates in Chicago Office
  November 30, 2023 | Press Releases