

Megan DeMarco

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Megan DeMarco is a seasoned investigator, experienced litigator, and skilled oral and written advocate. As a former state and federal prosecutor, she has investigated and litigated complex criminal matters at both the trial and appellate levels. As an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of Illinois for almost five years, she led high stakes investigations involving public corruption, financial fraud, and domestic and international money laundering. She tried seven jury trials to verdict in federal district court and briefed and argued multiple cases before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. She was assigned most recently to the Public Corruption and Organized Crime Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office. Megan also served as the Office's District Election Officer, working with federal, state, and local stakeholders to protect the election process from threats and interference. She also served on the Northern District of Illinois's SOAR pretrial diversion court, assisting individuals charged with felonies to achieve dismissal of their pending cases or reduced sentences.



Megan previously served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Appeals Bureau of the New York County District Attorney's Office, where she authored dozens of appellate briefs and argued more than 30 cases before New York's appellate courts. She clerked for the Honorable Manish S. Shah of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and earned her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Michigan Law Review*.

EXPERIENCE

Clerkships

Hon. Manish S. Shah, U.S., District Court, Northern District of Illinois (2019-2021)

Representative Engagements

- First chaired perjury and obstruction-of-justice trial of a sitting suburban mayor, leading to conviction and removal from office.
- Second chaired bribery prosecution against a former suburban building inspector, leading to conviction.
- Second chaired extortion prosecution against the brother of a former suburban mayor, leading to conviction.
- Second chaired trial of a defendant facing 18 counts of wire fraud, bank fraud, and identity theft based on scheme to defraud elderly victims, leading to conviction.
- Investigated and prosecuted gun-trafficking pipeline from Missouri to Chicago, resulting in the seizure of nearly 100 illegally trafficked firearms and the indictment of multiple individuals.
- Investigated and prosecuted international Drug Trafficking Organization, leading to seizure of nearly 100 kilograms of cocaine, multiple convictions, and lengthy sentences.

CREDENTIALS

Education

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 2016

Editor in Chief, *Michigan Law Review*

Irving Stenn Jr. Award 2016

Jenny Runkles Memorial Award 2014

Robert Fiske Fellowship for Government Service

The College of New Jersey, B.A., Journalism and Interactive Multimedia, 2010, *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

New York

Professional Memberships

Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter

National LGBT Bar Association

Teaching Appointments

University of Illinois Chicago School of Law (2024)