

Megan DeMarco

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Megan DeMarco represents companies and boards of directors in internal investigations, complex litigation, and other high-stakes disputes. Drawing on her experience as a former federal prosecutor, she helps clients navigate sensitive matters involving executive misconduct, employee misconduct, employment issues, fraud allegations, and significant business disputes. Her recent work includes conducting board-directed investigations, investigating allegations of employee fraud and workplace misconduct, and representing clients in False Claims Act, employment, insurance, and commercial litigation.

Prior to joining the firm, Megan served for nearly five years as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of Illinois. A seasoned litigator and advocate, she served as first or second chair in seven federal jury trials and briefed and argued multiple cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. She also led investigations involving public corruption, financial fraud, and domestic and international money laundering. Most recently, she served in the Public Corruption and Organized Crime Unit.

Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Megan 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 appellate courts.

Megan clerked for the Honorable Manish S. Shah of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. She 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

Internal Investigations

- Conducted a board-directed internal investigation concerning allegations involving a chief executive officer and advised the board of directors regarding investigative findings and related risk considerations.
- Conducted an internal investigation concerning allegations involving a C-Suite executive, including witness interviews, document review, factual findings, and recommendations to company leadership.
- Conducted an internal investigation into allegations of employee fraud, abuse of company resources, and related misconduct.
- Investigated allegations of workplace misconduct and employment-related concerns and advised clients regarding legal, business, and reputational risks.

Litigation

- Represented a defendant in a False Claims Act action and secured dismissal at the motion-to-dismiss stage.
- Represented a third-party witness in connection with a civil subpoena and successfully defeated a motion for sanctions.
- Represents insurance industry clients in complex civil litigation involving breach of contract, negligence, and related commercial claims.
- Represents employers in disputes involving restrictive covenants and other employment-related matters.
- Represents clients in ongoing class action litigation.

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

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

Professional Memberships

Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter

National LGBT Bar Association

Teaching Appointments

University of Illinois Chicago School of Law (2024)