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Practice Areas

White Collar & Investigations

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New York

As a former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, Megan is an experienced trial attorney and litigator who handled civil and criminal cases, as well as government investigations. Megan brings critical insight to the White Collar & Investigations team. She has investigated and prosecuted criminal offenses, including complex international cyber intrusion, malware, malvertising, wire fraud, identity fraud, money laundering, narcotics and narco-terrorism cases, violent crimes, racketeering offenses, and drug conspiracies. With extensive trial experience, Megan has conducted grand jury proceedings, secured indictments, and successfully tried cases in federal court. She has a deep understanding of the criminal justice system, having drafted search warrants, criminal complaints, indictments, plea agreements, pretrial motions, legal memoranda, and appellate briefs. She has argued bail motions, pretrial motions, and sentencing recommendations before district court and magistrate judges, and also served as Digital Asset Coordinator for the District of New Jersey.

Megan has worked closely with federal agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and Internal Revenue Service (IRS), on criminal investigations, utilizing complex investigative tools to secure criminal charges. She has also worked on joint international investigations and collaborated with foreign law enforcement officers and prosecutors, as well as Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section attorneys on international cyber investigations.

Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Megan was in private practice at the New York office of Norton Rose Fulbright, where she represented financial services institutions, private investment funds,

and individuals in a wide variety of matters including contract disputes, bank fraud, international investigations, and white-collar criminal defense.

Megan is a recipient of the Hispanic National Bar Association ("HNBA") 2024 Top Lawyers Under 40 Award, and BINJE'S Best Hispanic Business Leaders of 2025 award.

Other Info About Megan

Experience

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Education

Rutgers School of Law, JD.

- Rutgers Law Review (Articles Editor)

Villanova University, PA, B.A.

Courts

State of New Jersey, State of New York,

United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

Recognition

The Hispanic National Bar Association ("HNBA") 2024 Top Lawyers Under 40 Award

BINJE's Best Hispanic Business Leaders of 2025 award

Professional Affiliations

United States Attorney's Advisory Committee member (2023-2024)

USAO Hispanic Heritage Committee Chair (2023-2025)

Hispanic National Bar Association

Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey

New Jersey State Bar Association

National Association of Women Lawyers

Presentations

Essex County Bar Association panelist on federal sentencing guidelines (May 2025)

USAO Violence Against Women Act ("VAWA") Coordinator for the District of New Jersey (2023-present)

USAO speaker for the District Court of New Jersey's summer intern program (June 2025)

USAO Digital Asset Coordinator for the District of New Jersey (May 2025- present)

USAO Intern coordinator (May 2025-present)

Featured Articles

Beyond the Breach: A General Counsel's Guide to Managing Cyber Incident Risk

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