

Megan Farrell

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Megan has broad experience in litigation, including contractual disputes, toxic torts, employment discrimination, business torts, real estate, and civil rights matters. She regularly appears in state and federal courts and has experience with alternative dispute resolution, including mediations and arbitrations with the American Arbitration Association and JAMS.

Megan has recently focused her practice on financial services litigation matters. She has experience handling portfolio litigation matters for a Fortune 500 financial institution around the country, including consumer claims arising from mortgage foreclosure, auto loans, trust matters, and retail banking. She defends claims of wrongful foreclosure and violations of federal financial statutes and helps her clients navigate issues involving loan modification and tender. She is also familiar with state consumer protection laws in frequently-targeted jurisdictions.

Experience

The following is a selected sampling of matters and is provided for informational purposes only. Past success does not indicate the likelihood of success in any future matter.

Representative Experience

- Obtained summary judgment in personal injury case against the United States alleging negligence related to roads in the Allegheny National Forest.
- Prevailed on summary judgment in employment discrimination case against the Secretary of the Department of Veterans' Affairs for retaliation in violation of Title VII.
- Obtained successful defense verdict on behalf of mortgage servicer following a jury trial in Santa Barbara, in which the plaintiff asserted claims related to a forbearance agreement.
- Defended mortgage servicer in non-jury trial in state court in Los Angeles, California for alleged torts and violations of consumer protection laws.
- Represented coatings manufacturer in various matters involving products liability and nuisance claims in multiple state

Education

The Catholic University of America
Columbus School of Law, JD, magna
cum laude (1995)

Pennsylvania State University, BA,
highest distinction (1992)

Admissions

Pennsylvania

California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Western District
of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court for the Central District of
California

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District
of California

U.S. District Court for the Southern District
of California

Practice Areas

[Commercial Litigation & Business Torts](#)

[Litigation](#)

[Securities and Corporate Governance](#)

and federal courts.

- Defended promotional product business and its officers in litigation in New York against claims for unauthorized access to computer systems, and prosecuted related cases asserting claims for tortious interference, trade secrets, and breach of contract.
- Represented automobile dealer group in several cases, including a class action, alleging consumer claims related to auto financing.

Previous Professional Experience

- Assistant U.S. Attorney, Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Pennsylvania (2005-2014)
- Associate, Pittsburgh office of international Am Law top 20 firm (1999-2005)

Clerkships

- Law clerk to the Honorable Donald Ziegler, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Recognitions

The bar rules of some states require that the standards for an attorney's inclusion in certain public accolades or recognitions be provided. When such accolades or recognitions are listed, a hyperlink is provided that leads to a description of the respective selection methodology.

- [The Best Lawyers in America®](#), Commercial Litigation (2023–2026)

Professional Activities

- The Hay-Sell Pittsburgh American Inn of Court (1999-2014, 2022-present)
- Federalist Society (1999-present)
- Republican National Lawyers Association (2022-present)

Industries

[Banking & Financial Services](#)