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OVERVIEW

Colleen leverages her experience as a deputy attorney general and former criminal prosecutor to provide clients with strategic, results-driven counsel in commercial litigation.

She represents corporate, government, and higher education clients in commercial, labor and employment, and civil rights disputes, including actions brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. While serving in Delaware's Office of the Attorney General Civil Division, she handled a wide range of contract, employment, and civil rights cases as part of the state's central litigation arm—experience that directly informs her work on behalf of clients today.

With more than a decade of courtroom experience, Colleen represents clients at every stage of litigation, including case strategy, discovery, motions, settlement negotiations, and trial. Her extensive courtroom and trial experience informs every step of the litigation process and is key to clients' success. Early in her career, two judicial clerkships in the Delaware Superior Court gave Colleen firsthand insight into judicial decision-making and the relationships that laid a strong foundation for her litigation practice.

Clients value Colleen's clear, candid communication and strong client-service focus. She tailors legal strategy to align with clients' business objectives and risk tolerance, distilling complex disputes to their core issues and helping clients understand their options and make informed decisions. By partnering closely with clients at

Industries

Education
Healthcare
Life Sciences

Services

Commercial Litigation
Higher Education
Labor & Employment
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

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every stage of a matter and keeping them advised throughout the litigation process, she builds trusted relationships that enable efficient, goal-driven solutions.

Recognition

- *Delaware Today,* Top Lawyers, 2024-2026

Education

- J.D., Widener University School of Law
  - Business Organizations Law Certificate
  - *Widener Law Review*, External Managing Editor
- B.A., Arizona State University
  - Spanish
  - Study Abroad, Centro De Lenguas Modernas, Granada, Spain

Admissions

- Delaware
- U.S. District Court, District of Delaware
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

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