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OVERVIEW

Megan helps universities navigate change. She counsels higher education institutions on complex issues involving students, faculty, and campus stakeholders, helping institutions make sound decisions that support their missions and long-term success.

Megan first joined the firm in 2024 as the Higher Education Law Fellow at the University of Kansas. Embedded within the university for two years, she developed a practical, client-centered approach to counseling informed by close engagement to institutional operations. The fellowship provided Megan with broad exposure to the range of issues confronting colleges and universities, from contracts and federal grants to regulatory compliance and athletics, to intellectual property, financial aid and labor and employment matters, and to cultural heritage compliance and art law.

Megan has worked extensively on matters involving the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), advising on regulatory requirements, tribal consultation, and repatriation efforts. Megan possesses a firsthand understanding of how issues develop within higher education institutions, including the stakeholders involved and the dynamics that shape decision-making. This perspective allows Megan to quickly orient to client needs and provide efficient, informed counsel.

Megan's interest in the law grew out of her undergraduate studies in art history, where her research on World War II-era art

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restitution and repatriation frequently intersected with legal and regulatory issues. While in law school, she served as the Art Law Extern to the Spencer Museum of Art at the University of Kansas, where she worked on copyright and contract matters related to works in the collection and exhibitions at the museum. Her experience as an extern and a law fellow broadened her understanding of the range of legal issues that arise in higher education and the adaptability required of attorneys in the field.

Known for her thoughtful and collaborative approach, Megan listens carefully to clients' concerns and develops well-reasoned solutions to the challenges facing higher education institutions. Clients and colleagues describe her as curious and unafraid to engage with difficult or novel issues, with a willingness to dig into context, consider problems from multiple perspectives, and contribute as a responsive and reliable team member.

Education

- J.D., University of Kansas School of Law
 - International Trade and Finance Certificate
 - *Kansas Journal of Law & Public Policy*, Symposium Editor
 - Study Abroad: Tulane-Siena Institute for International Law, Cultural Heritage, and the Arts
- B.A., University of Denver
 - Art History with minors in German and Leadership Studies
 - *summa cum laude*
 - Phi Beta Kappa
 - Outstanding Undergraduate Award for Art History
 - Study Abroad: Freie Universität Berlin

Admissions

- Missouri
 - Kansas
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