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OVERVIEW

With the straightforward outlook of a native Midwesterner, Marnie is a litigator who also advises on food and agricultural regulatory matters, protecting businesses that have often been in the family for decades.

While her litigation practice emphasizes food systems companies, Marnie represents clients in a variety of industries in complex commercial matters. Clients look to her for successful representation in bet-the-company litigation and other high-profile cases: Marnie often handles breach of fiduciary duty and breach of contract claims, trade secret claims, intellectual property issues, unfair competition allegations and shareholder disputes.

Alongside her winning record, she's also known for a practicality that serves clients well. Marnie approaches litigation with an eye toward the outcome that will truly serve a client's business. Her aim is not to have a lengthy court battle, but to solve the client's real-world problem.

A respected name in food and agricultural regulations, Marnie also chairs the firm's Food Safety & Regulation practice group. She advises clients on USDA and FDA regulatory matters, providing

"Marnie is a real asset. She has a nononsense style and provides sound advice based on her years of experience and indepth legal knowledge."

- Chambers USA 2023

Industry

Food Systems

Services

Agricultural Technology
Alcohol Beverage
Alternative Farming &
Sustainability
Animal Health & Production
Commercial Litigation
Companion Animal Health
Food Safety & Regulation
Litigation & Alternative Dispute
Resolution
Trade Secrets & Business

Information Protection

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proactive counsel and advice on matters such as safety and labeling concerns, product recalls and inquiries from regulatory bodies. With nearly twenty years of experience in these areas, Marnie understands the issues unique to food and agribusiness.

The firm's authority on the National Organic Program, Marnie is also well versed in the special requirements of organic food. She represents both organic-certification agencies and certified operations, and advises clients on compliance.

What Marnie loves most about her work, however, is collaborating with clients: she often represents businesses that have been owned by several generations of the same family. She values the opportunity to serve clients who have such a strong emotional connection to their work and who truly love the businesses she's protecting.

Marnie also serves as co-chair of HB WE, the firm's women's Employee Resource Group.

Case Study

Farmobile LLC

Farmobile secured a complete defense victory in enterprise-threatening trade secret litigation.

Experience

- Secured district court's assigned value of \$893 million \$300 million more than defendants'
 competing valuation for Streck, Inc, in shareholder oppression case, one of Nebraska's
 largest valuation disputes. Decision was affirmed on appeal before the Nebraska Supreme
 Court.
- Served on collaborative pro bono legal team for Set Aside Program. Legal Aid of Nebraska screened candidates and Husch Blackwell attorneys helped participants fill out documents to nullify criminal convictions, such as shoplifting, that would otherwise impact job searches and the ability to serve in the military.
- Won summary judgment for independent farm data company in case alleging misappropriation of trade secrets.

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Experience

- Represented company founder in shareholder dispute, obtaining one of the largest civil
 judgments in Nebraska history. The Nebraska Supreme Court affirmed the judgment in favor
 of the founder, granting over \$750 million in value and interest for their shares in the
 Company.
- In partnership with Institute for Justice, successfully represented Nebraska-based baker who filed suit when their home-based business was imperiled by certain permitting and inspection requirements implemented by the City of Lincoln, contrary to state law. Crafted a litigation strategy that ultimately led to a state trial court denying the City's motion to dismiss the suit on the merits, and Lincoln's City Council voted unanimously to bring its regulations in line with state law, thus handing the client a complete victory.
- Represented client Farmobile as a competitor alleged misappropriation of trade secrets and
 various other state and federal claims. A summary judgment was entered in client's favor on all
 counts. Later, the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled for our client, affirming on all counts.

Recognition

- Benchmark Litigation, Local Litigation Star, 2020-2026
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation, 2024-2026
- Chambers USA, Litigation: General Commercial, 2022-2025
- The American Lawyer, Midwest Trailblazers, 2021
- Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest, Seeds of Justice Award, 2007

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Education

- J.D., William & Mary Law School
- B.A., Dana College
 - o English and History
 - o summa cum laude

Admissions

- Nebraska
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Clerkships

Supervising Pro Se Law Clerk, U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska

Community Leadership

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands, Board of Directors, 2016-present
- Museum of Danish America, Board of Directors, 2013-present

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