



## Megan E. Woodward

SENIOR ASSOCIATE

Megan advises clients on a wide array of transactional matters both within and outside the United States.



### Industries

Agriculture & AgTech

Hospitality

Nonprofits & Associations

Private Companies

### Practices

Corporate & Securities

### Education

Vanderbilt University Law School, JD, 2018

Vanderbilt University Law School, Law & Business Certificate, 2018

The College of William & Mary, BA, 2015

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Megan's practice concentrates on mergers and acquisitions, private equity financings, joint ventures, securitizations, entity formation and structuring, commercial contract drafting for national and international transactions, and general corporate law.

### Previous Work

Prior to joining ArentFox Schiff, Megan was a commercial transactions and entities associate at a Delaware-based law firm. There, among other things, she drafted and negotiated UCC perfection and entity opinions, financing statements, security instruments, and formation documents for Fortune 500 companies and other US and foreign clients in transactions including: international legacy airline financings; refinancings of two international restaurant franchises; and an international entertainment conglomerate; a hedge fund acquisition of a national retail chain; private equity firm acquisitions in multi-level financings of 900+ property portfolios; and multi-iteration REIT financings.

### Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

#### Publications

- “[Bumping Up The Competition: The Influence of IEX’s Speed Bump in US Financial Markets](#),” Author, May 6, 2018
- “[The Need for Speed: Regulatory Approaches to High Frequency Trading in the United States and the European Union](#),” Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law, Vol. 50, No. 5, 2017, Author, November 1, 2017

#### Presentations

- “[Mastering the Art of Contract Drafting: Lessons from Legal Practice](#),” myLawCLE (Mar. 7,

2025)

- “M&A Earnout Provisions & Best Practices for Drafting Dispute-Free Clauses,” myLawCLE (Aug. 26, 2024)
- “Deconstructing & Negotiating Buy-Sell Agreements,” MCLE New England, Conference (Oct. 12, 2023)
- “Understanding the Fundamentals of Nonprofit Organizations: An Eight-Part Business Law Course for Nonprofit Leaders – How the Law Impacts Your Nonprofit Organization: What’s in a Contract and Why,” DC Bar Pro Bono Center, DC Department of Small & Local Business Development (DSLBD), and DC Small Business Development Center (DCSBDC), Webinar (recurring annually 2021 - 2025)
- “Understanding the Fundamentals of Small Businesses: An Eight-Part Business Law Training – How the Law Impacts Your Small Business: What’s in a Contract and Why,” DC Bar Pro Bono Center, DC Department of Small & Local Business Development (DSLBD), and DC Small Business Development Center (DCSBDC), Webinar (recurring annually 2021 - 2025)

## Recognitions

Megan was a recipient of the ArentFox Schiff Roger Pascal Pro Bono Award in April 2023. She has also been featured in *Washington Lawyer* multiple times for her efforts with the DC Pro Bono Center. Megan’s volunteer work with the DC Bar Pro Bono Center’s Nonprofit & Small Business Legal Assistance Programs was highlighted by the Washington Council of Lawyers in 2023, which noted how she has educated and provided legal assistance to hundreds of small businesses and nonprofits.

Megan serves on the DC Bar Pro Bono Committee and as the Co-chair for the Pro Bono Subcommittee of the DC Bar Early Career Lawyers Community.

## Life Beyond the Law

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During her free time, Megan is an avid theater-goer and enjoys ballroom dancing, singing, traveling, and running while pushing her dog, Bowie, in his running stroller.

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## Bar Admissions

[Delaware](#)

[District of Columbia](#)