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About Meaghan

Meaghan practices in complex aerospace litigation, defending a range of product liability and airline-related claims, involving property damage, mental and physical injuries, wrongful death, and discrimination arising from aviation incidents.

She has secured dismissals in numerous cases through successful jurisdictional motion practice and resolved many passenger injury claims through litigation, mediation, and administrative proceedings. Her work also includes supporting clients through accident investigations and developing insurance coverage and indemnity tender strategies involving airline carriers and airport vendors.

Meaghan gained international recognition when she won the prestigious Ladas Memorial Award for her paper on trademark law, “Digital Resurrections Necessitate Federal Post-Mortem Publicity Rights,” published in the *Journal of the Patent and Trademark Office Society*.

While earning her law degree, Meaghan was a member of Chicago-Kent’s Moot Court Honor Society and Intellectual Property Moot Court, where her team won first place and best brief at the 2017 Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition and later became national finalists. She was also a semi-finalist in the 2018 Evan A. Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court competition.

Meaghan’s Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association

Areas of Focus

Industries: Aviation & Aerospace; Professional Services; Transportation & Mobility

Services: Complex Commercial Litigation ; Litigation & Trial

Recognition

- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2021 – 2025

Credentials

Education

Chicago-Kent College of Law at Illinois Institute of Technology, JD, *cum laude*, 2018

Saint Mary's College, BA, 2009

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

US District Court for the District of Colorado

US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Interests

Did you know...

Meaghan is a former NCAA athlete and an avid golfer who cheers for the New York Jets. Her favorite travel destination is France, where, if she weren't a lawyer, she would be an artist.

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- Co-Presenter, "Top Gun, Legal Mavericks Trends & Developments in Aviation Law," Hinshaw University, CLE Webinar, April 24, 2025

Publications

- "Digital Resurrections Necessitate Federal Post-Mortem Publicity Rights," 99 *Journal of the Patent and Trademark Office Society* 481, May 21, 2018

