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Practice Areas

Labor, Employment & Immigration

Mergers & Acquisitions

Non-Compete & Trade Secrets

Startups & Venture Capital

Admissions

Wisconsin

Education

Juris Doctor, Washington University School of Law, *with honors*

Bachelor of Arts, Truman State University, *cum laude*, Philosophy



Meg is a shareholder and chair of Godfrey & Kahn's Labor, Employment & Immigration practice. She has built a distinguished career helping clients navigate various labor and employment issues, including handling the daily management of employment-related concerns, drafting and enforcing restrictive covenant agreements, administering family and medical leave laws, advising on federal and state discrimination claims, and conducting unlawful harassment investigations.

Meg collaborates with our corporate team to advise clients on labor and employment matters related to business sales, mergers and acquisitions, and other corporate restructuring, including labor and employment due diligence, employee selection and retention, employment agreements, and reduction-in-force issues. In addition, Meg assists employers with international employment and business issues and has experience handling litigation when necessary.

Meg regularly presents at workshops and seminars related to employment law topics for clients and other employment law professionals. Her ability to distill complex legal issues into practical, actionable advice has made her a standout among her peers and clients. She frequently addresses diverse audiences, including in-house counsel, HR professionals, and legal practitioners.

Meg holds significant leadership roles both inside and outside the firm. She plays a key role in mentoring junior attorneys and contributing to the development of the firm's labor and employment practice. Meg is also actively involved in several professional associations, where she has contributed to policy discussions and initiatives that influence the direction of employment law. She is passionate about giving back to the community and spends time volunteering with several organizations. Her commitment to service further reflects her dedication to making a positive impact both inside and outside the legal field.

Court Admissions

United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
United States District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

Professional Association Memberships

American Bar Association
Association for Women Lawyers
Milwaukee Bar Association
Society for Human Resource Management
State Bar of Wisconsin

Activities

United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County Women United – Council Member
Meta House – Board Chair-Elect, Chair of Workforce Development Committee
Milwaukee Women Inc. – Steering Committee Member
TEMPO-Milwaukee – Engagement Committee Co-Chair
Godfrey & Kahn Women's Leadership Forum

Honors

Recognized by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Labor & Employment, 2018 – present)
Listed in *BizTimes Media's* Notable Women in Law (2020)
Listed in *Best Lawyers* (Employment Law, Management, 2021 – present)