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Overview

Meg leads Denton Bingham Greenebaum's largest office as Office Managing Partner, while also serving as Co-Chair of the Firm's Professional Responsibility Committee and Lateral Hiring Chair of the Firm's Recruiting Committee. Meg concentrates her full-time legal practice on three main areas of law: lawyer ethics, appeals and business litigation.

Her focus includes:

- **Ethics** – Meg has represented lawyers in all stages of the disciplinary process pending before the Indiana Supreme Court. Additionally, she has represented other professionals in front of various state licensing boards, and the IRS Office of Professional Responsibility.
- **Appellate** – Meg brings a fresh perspective to identifying and analyzing issues on appeal. Meg's experience includes representing clients in the appellate phase of complex business disputes, contract and insurance coverage disputes, and shareholder liability.
- **Business Litigation** – Meg assists clients in litigation in both state and federal courts in claims involving multi-million dollar contract disputes, shareholder liability, enforcement of employee restrictive covenants, inter-governmental disputes, unfair competition claims, dissolutions, administrative enforcement and licensing. She is experienced in media law issues including defamation defense, reputation management, and social media harms. Meg also represents the media in pursuing access to public records and enforcing open door laws.
- Meg's clients are primarily concerned about the impact their legal disputes will have on their business or personal lives. Recognizing that litigation introduces uncertainty into her client's plans, Meg prides herself in clearly communicating with clients about the practical effect of various strategies. Meg's goal is to help busy clients focus on what they do best while she works to present their strongest arguments in pursuit of the best possible result.
- Between the Indiana State Bar Association (ISBA), the Indianapolis Bar Association (IBA), the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (ICLEF) and Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers (APRL), Meg presents on ethics at over a dozen continuing legal education seminars each year. As part of ISBA's Ethics Committee, she considers and issues advisory opinions, recommends rule changes and facilitates

lawyer education events. Meg is an active member of the APRL and devotes her time to researching trends in disciplinary enforcement and lawyer ethics.

- In her free time, Meg enjoys cooking, hosting dinner parties, and attending yoga or barre class. She's an avid NPR listener, loves old homes and house rehabs and attending camp with her two children. She has a vested interest in voting advocacy and once served as a member of the United Nations Election Protection Delegation, monitoring the polls in El Salvador's National Election.

Experience

- *BK Contracting v. Meyer Najem Construction, LLC*, Cause No. 49D06-1306-CT-024682 (Representing Meyer Najem with respect to roof defects and determination of fault as to designer, general contractor, and subcontractor)
- *Country Contractors, Inc., et al. v. A Westside Storage of Indianapolis, Inc.*, Cause No. 32A01-1304-CC-00155 (Appeal of judgment piercing the corporate veil against the shareholders of a closely held corporation)
- *In Re Mandate of Funds for Center Township of Marion County Small Claims Court Order for Mandate and Mandate of Funds*, Cause No. 49S00-1207-MR-420 (Original action in the Indiana Supreme Court to secure funding for small claims court operations and address separation of powers issues resulting from township management of court operations)
- *Boehringer v. Weber*, 2. N.E.3d 807 (Ind. Ct. App. 2014), trans. denied, 2014 Ind. LEXIS 726 (Sept. 18, 2014) (Representing appellees in appeal of defense jury verdict)
- *William E. Boehringer, et al. v. Gregory J. Weber, et al.*, Cause No. 29D03-0904-PL-1519 (Week-long jury trial; Defense of fraud claims related to the sale of home in which buyers allegedly discovered construction defects and mold)
- *State of Indiana Ex. Rel. Indiana State Bar Association v. United Financial Systems Corporation, Inc. et al.*, 926 N.E.2d 8 (Ind. 2010) (Enforcement of rule against the unauthorized practice of law)
- *Lake County Assessor v. BP Products North America, Inc.*, 2010 Ind. Tax LEXIS 25 (Appeal of increased personal property tax assessment)
- *CanaRx Services, Inc. v. LIN Television Corporation*, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 42236 (S.D. Ind.) (Defense of defamation claim)

Recognition

News

- 26 Bingham Greenebaum Doll Attorneys Named to 2019 Indiana Super Lawyers® Lists
- 21 Bingham Greenebaum Doll Lawyers Recognized by Benchmark Litigation® 2019
- Bingham Greenebaum Doll Names New Co-Chairs to Recruiting Committee
- 29 Bingham Greenebaum Doll Attorneys Named to 2018 Indiana Super Lawyers® List
- 27 Bingham Greenebaum Doll attorneys named to 2017 Indiana Super Lawyers List
- Two Partners Named as 2017 National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts® 40 Under Forty Honorees
- Television Station Challenging the Denial of Public Access to an Official Court Recording

Honors and Awards

- Selected for inclusion in the Indiana *Super Lawyers*[®], 2018-2021
- Indianapolis Business Journal *Women of Influence* Class of 2020
- Selected for inclusion in *Benchmark Litigation*[®] “40 & Under Hot List - Midwest” in the fields of Appellate, Commercial, and Attorney Ethics, 2020
- National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts[®] 40 Under Forty Honoree, 2017
- Selected for inclusion in the Indiana *Super Lawyers*[®] Rising Stars list, 2012-2017
- Indianapolis Bar Association Bar Leader Series, Class VIII
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Jump Scholarship (full tuition to IU Mauer School of Law)
- National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition, Coach

In the Media

- Featured, "Nimble leader: New Indy office managing partner steers Dentons Bingham Greenebaum," *The Indiana Lawyer*, August 5, 2020
- Co-Author, "Using technology to manage technology," *The Indiana Lawyer*, February 7, 2018
- Co-Author, "Should lawyers report child abuse learned in representation?," *The Indiana Lawyer*, July 27, 2016

Insights

- Co-author, "Don't Walk the Line: Impermissible Threats Versus Allowable Puffery in Negotiations ," December 16, 2019
- Co-author, "Indiana Supreme Court Rules, in a Matter of First Impression, 'Blocked-Crossing' Statute Preempted under Federal Law," October 25, 2018

Activities and Affiliations

Professional Memberships

- Member, Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers, 2017-Present
- Member, Indiana State Bar Association, 2016-Present
 - Vice Chair, Ethics Committee, 2020
- Member, Indianapolis Bar Association, 2008-Present
 - Committee Member, Women in the Law Division, 2011-2014
- Member, American Bar Association

Community Involvement and Pro Bono

- Member, ArtMix, 2015-Present

- Board Chair, 2020
- Executive Committee Member, St. Thomas Aquinas School Parents Association, 2018-Present

Presentations

- "The Ethics Triangle," ICLEF, August 19, October 8, November 6, December 3, 2020
- "Ethics 2020: Rules Changes and Case Law Updates," Indiana State Bar Association, May 26, 2020
- "Foresight in 2020: Ethics Updates and Loss Prevention Tips to Protect Your Practice," Indiana State Bar Association, January 11, 2020
- "The Ethics Triangle," ICLEF, August 29, September 27, November 7, December 10, 2019
- "Impermissible Threats," BGD Legislative Conference, December 4, 2019
- "Ethics: The Latest Issues You Need to Know," The Indiana Lawyer, December 3, 2019
- "Determining the Threshold of an Impermissible Threat," Indiana Chapter of the Association of Corporate Council Annual Meeting, September 13, 2019
- "Ethics," 41st Annual Judge Robert H. Staton Indiana Law Update, ICLEF, September 11, 2019
- "Ethics for Estate Planners," ICLEF 46th Annual Midwest Estate, Tax and Business Planning Institute, June 7, 2019
- "Legal Ethics for the Equine Law Attorney," 34th Annual National Conference on Equine Law, May 1, 2019
- "Practicing Before Government Agencies: Confidentiality, Conflicts & Communications," Indiana State Bar Association, April 26, 2019
- "Ethics of Parenting Time Coordination," Indianapolis Bar Association, October 18, 2018
- "Ethics in Estate Planning," East Central Indiana Estate Planning Council, October 11, 2018
- "In-House Counsel or In-House Babysitter?," Indiana Association of Corporate Counsel Annual Meeting, September 14, 2018.
- "Media Law," 40th Annual Indiana Law Update, ICLEF, September, 13, 2018
- "Ethics," 40th Annual Indiana Law Update, ICLEF, September, 12, 2018
- "Email Ethics," Annual Meeting of Indiana Judicial Officers, September 6, 2018
- "Ethics for Estate Planners," 45th Annual Midwest Estate Tax and Business Planning Institute, June 8, 2018
- "Practicing Law in Indiana: When Family Law Intersects with Business, Estate Planning & Ethics," The Indiana Lawyer, December 5, 2017
- "Disqualification: You Be the Judge," Indiana State Bar Association Annual Meeting, September 28, 2017
- "Ethics & the Family Law Attorney," Family Law Intersects: HIPAA, Ethics, Estate Planning, The Indiana Lawyer, December 7, 2016
- "Marketing for Young Lawyers," Indianapolis Bar Association, July 21, 2016
- "Conflict of Interest Management Through Drafting," Professional Responsibility Association, April 20, 2016

Areas of focus

Practices

- Commercial Litigation
- Appellate Advocacy
- Professional Liability Litigation
- Social Media Harms
- Real Estate Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Industry sectors

- Professional Liability
- Construction
- Educational Institutions

Education

- Indiana University Maurer School of Law, 2007, JD
- ESADE, 2006, Semester Abroad, Barcelona, Spain
- DePauw University, 2004, B.A., Communication, *magna cum laude*

Admissions and qualifications

- Indiana
- US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- US District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- US District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- US Supreme Court