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Overview

Megan Early-Soppa's blend of litigation acumen, regulatory insight, and strategic risk management makes her a trusted advisor for clients facing the evolving challenges of the transportation, energy, and environmental sectors.

Megan is a strategic advisor and advocate for clients navigating the complex intersections of transportation, energy, and environmental law. Her practice is distinguished by a deep focus on risk management, regulatory compliance, and litigation strategy – particularly within the transportation and logistics sectors.

Megan's experience is rooted in developing and implementing comprehensive risk management frameworks for transportation and logistics companies. She proactively identifies and assesses operational and regulatory risks, crafting tailored mitigation strategies that address operations, safety, supply chain disruptions, regulatory changes, and corporate strategy. Her approach ensures clients are not only compliant with evolving industry regulations but are also prepared to respond effectively when faced with litigation or other novel issues.

Her work includes advising on federal and state compliance matters and guiding companies through the intricacies of regulatory frameworks governing transportation, energy, and environmental operations.

Megan's background as a litigator – representing both plaintiffs and defendants in tort and complex commercial litigation – gives her a unique perspective on risk. She has achieved favorable outcomes in high-stakes cases, including catastrophic personal injury defense and commercial disputes, which has honed her ability to anticipate litigation risks and develop strategies that minimize exposure and protect business interests.

Prior to joining Spencer Fane, Megan concentrated her practice within the transportation and logistics industry, representing trucking companies, brokers, and logistics providers in both trial and regulatory settings. She has defended clients in FMCSA investigations, managed rapid response to transportation accidents, and provided counsel on insurance, liability, and other tort actions. Her work extends to advising clients in the energy sector on environmental risk, regulatory compliance, and litigation arising from operational incidents.

Education

- Southern University Law Center, 2012 (J.D.), *cum laude*
- Wofford College, 2008 (B.A.)

Bar Admissions

- South Carolina
- Georgia
- Louisiana

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina
- U.S. District Court for the District of Georgia

Community Involvement

- Upstate American Heart Association, Go Red for Women Campaign, Co-Chair, 2025
- Hispanic Alliance, 15th Anniversary Strategic Planning Committee, Chair, 2025
- Euphoria Greenville, 2019–2023
 - Chairwoman, 2022
 - Vice-chairwoman, 2021
 - Secretary, 2020
- Hispanic Alliance of South Carolina, 2018–2024
 - Immediate Past Chairwoman/Executive Committee, 2024
 - Chairwoman, 2023
 - Interim Chairwoman, October–November 2022
 - Secretary, January 2021–October 2022
- BLUME Haiti, Board of Directors, 2021–2024

Distinctions

- *The Daily Report* (ALM), Southeastern Legal Awards, One the Rise (South Carolina), 2025
- *Greenville Business Magazine*, SC Women in Business, 2025
- *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly*, Influential Women in Law, 2025
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Ones to Watch
 - Commercial Litigation, 2021–present
 - Transportation Litigation, 2022–present
- *South Carolina Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars, 2021–2025
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Ones to Watch, Women in the Law, 2021
- *Greenville Business Magazine*, Legal Elite
 - Personal Injury (Defendant), 2020, 2023, 2025
 - Business Litigation, 2018, 2025
- *GSA Business Report*, Inaugural Upstate Class of Forty Under 40, 2020
- National Black Lawyers

- Top 100, 2025
- Top 40 Under 40, 2018

Memberships

- South Carolina Bar Association
 - Diversity Committee
 - Wellness Committee
 - Black Lawyers
- American Institute of Parliamentarians
- National Association of Parliamentarians
- Energy Bar Association
- Georgia Bar Association
- Louisiana Bar Association
- Greenville County Bar Association
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated

Presentations and Publications

- "WOTUS – The Supreme Court's Impact and Where Are We Now?" SME Minnesota Conference, April 2025
- "State Dredge and Fill Programs After the Sackett Decision," SME Minnesota Conference, April 2025