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SERVICES

Practices

Business Litigation

Discovery and E-Discovery

Class Action, Multidistrict Litigation

Energy and Environmental Litigation

Financial Services Litigation

White Collar Defense and Internal Investigations

EDUCATION

JD, The College of William & Mary, 2007

BA, University of Notre Dame, 2004

BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

Virginia

Meghan's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, information governance and eDiscovery issues, and internal investigations .

Meghan is an associate in the firm's litigation practice and a central member of the Information Governance & eDiscovery group providing state-of-the-art data management and eDiscovery advice and services to a wide variety of corporate clients. Her experience includes developing enterprise-level information governance best practices and working with clients to respond to the challenges of electronic discovery.

Meghan assists corporate clients in the assessment of the client's current data capabilities and practices to determine both legal and operational risk. She advises corporate clients on the development of tailored protocols to streamline a company's discovery preparation and response to control costs associated with electronic information and meet its desired risk level.

Meghan frequently serves as eDiscovery counsel to advise and lead massive discovery response plans, often in response to internal investigations, governmental subpoenas or other requests. She regularly leads presentations advising clients and lawyers alike on preservation obligations and strategies, predictive coding, and cross-border discovery issues. Meghan is also a frequent speaker and writer on a number of issues related to electronic discovery, data preservation, privilege waiver, and employee communication privacy concerns.

Meghan's litigation practice focuses on complex commercial litigation matters, including class action defense, securities and fraud litigation, financial services matters, internal investigations, and electronic discovery and data governance issues.

Relevant Experience

Investigations:

- Represented national bank in internal investigation, federal civil actions, and bankruptcy proceedings in connection with losses incurred on behalf of Ocala Funding, an asset backed commercial paper facility that was defrauded in connection with the multi-billion dollar collapse of Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp. and Colonial Bank.
- Led internal investigation into data network security and potential breach for a national transportation company.
- Participated in internal investigations regarding cyber theft of credit card and other personal data in network security breach cases.

- Investigated and mediated contractual business dispute for top US defense contractor.
- Represented several financial services institutions in connection with cyber security issues and related crises management.
- Designed FCPA and anti-corruption training for a global company which included risk assessments and targeted training for executive leadership, marketing/sales and operations in Latin America.

Information Governance and eDiscovery:

- Served as national eDiscovery coordinating counsel for a major telecommunications company.
- Assisted with the development of a comprehensive electronic discovery protocol and IT system profiles for a Fortune 100 company.
- Counsels corporate clients in design and implementation of company-wide legal hold and ediscovery protocols.
- Routinely designs and supervises collection, review, and production of documents for Fortune 500 companies in response to class action defense, state attorney general investigations, Federal Trade Commission civil investigative demands, and Department of Justice grand jury subpoenas.
- Defended major European bank against securities fraud claims arising from the Madoff Ponzi scheme by designing and supervising discovery response, which included collection and review of volumes of documents internationally.
- Advised a Fortune 500 financial services company on enterprise-wide preservation activities in response to government subpoenas and related civil litigation, including preservation at hundreds of locations across the country.
- Led discovery response for aerospace company engaged in both FTC and civil litigation antitrust action challenging exclusive dealing agreement, involving protection of highly classified information.
- Coordinated electronic discovery, collection, and culling issues and managed large scale review and deposition preparation related to significant Department of Justice Second Request for client in the transportation industry.

Memberships

- Member, Women in eDiscovery, Richmond and DC Chapters
- Member, DC Bar Committee on Ediscovery

Events

- Speaker, What's New? eDiscovery and the Proposed FRCP Amendments, September 23, 2015
- Speaker, Discovery in the Digital Age, Virginia CLE Course, Fairfax, VA and Glen Allen, VA, June 2014
- Speaker, eDiscovery and Data Privacy Concerns: Asia, Women in eDiscovery, Washington DC, April 2014
- Speaker, Cross Border and Privacy Concerns in E-Discovery, Women in eDiscovery, Richmond, VA, February 2014
- Speaker, Practitioner's Guide to Predictive Coding, Richmond, VA, October 2013
- Panelist, Technology Assisted Review in eDiscovery, Women in eDiscovery, Washington, DC, May 2013
- Presenter/Leader, Kroll Ontrack Technology Assisted Review Learning Lab and

Certification Course, Washington, DC, April 2013

- Speaker, Predictive Coding: The Wizard Behind the Curtain or the Emperor with No Clothes?, Richmond, VA, February 2013
- Panelist, News Flash! Exploring Hot E-Discovery Trends, LegalTech, January 2012
- Speaker, Associates' Perspectives on Supporting Electronic Discovery Matters, podcast discussion, ESIBytes, 2010
- Speaker, Best Practices for Handling Electronically Stored Information, Virginia CLE Presentation, Richmond, VA, January 13, 2010
- Speaker, Innovative Ways to Approach Privilege Logs, podcast discussion with U.S. Magistrate Judge John Facciola, ESIBytes, June 16, 2009
- Speaker, E-Discovery Issues for New Lawyers, Virginia CLE Presentation, Richmond, VA, May 8, 2009

Publications

- Co-author, When Backup Tapes Become Discoverable – A Costly Lesson in the Importance of Information Governance, Privacy & Cybersecurity Law Report, January 2016
- Co-author, Examining Deflategate As A Discovery Dispute, Law360, August 17, 2015
- Co-author, Internal Investigation and eDiscovery, in eDiscovery for Corporate Counsel, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014
- Co-author, Litigation Preparedness Through the E-Discovery Process, in Managing E-Discovery and ESI: From Pre-Litigation Through Trial, 2011
- Co-author, Social Networking Sites and the E-Discovery Process, Data Protection Law & Policy, February 2010
- Co-author, Discovery in the Digital Age, Civil Discovery in Virginia, Virginia Lawyers Practice Handbook, June 2009 / 2013
- Co-author, Privacy Issues: Workplace Searches, Surveillance, and Monitoring, White Collar Crime Report, a BNA publication, Vol. 4 No. 12, June 5, 2009
- Co-author, Alternative Privilege Log Techniques in an E-discovery World, Commercial & Business Litigation Newsletter, a publication of the American Bar Association Section of Litigation, Vol. 10 No. 2, February 2009