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OVERVIEW

Meagan P. VanderWeele is a partner in the Chicago Office of GRSM and is a member of the Insurance Practice Group. Her practice primarily focuses on complex commercial litigation, insurance coverage and cyber security & data privacy litigation.

Prior to joining GRSM, she worked for a premier litigation firm in Chicago specializing in professional liability defense. She has extensive experience in all phases of high-exposure and complex litigation, from initial evaluation through trial or arbitration and appeal.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Obtained defense verdict in favor of infectious disease physician in a three-week wrongful death trial in which plaintiff asked the jury to award in excess of \$12 million.
- Successfully defended at trial an estate planning attorney accused of negligently preparing an amendment to a trust in which the defense asserted an unclean hands affirmative defense.

- Obtained defense verdict at trial, which was affirmed on appeal, in a complex medical malpractice case involving a wrongful birth claim.
- Achieved dismissal with prejudice, which was affirmed on appeal, in a legal malpractice case involving the plaintiff's lawyer's misconduct, including falsified court documents, which supported affirmance of the dismissal.
- Secured appellate court reversal in favor of defendant long-term care facility in a case of first impression where circuit court denied stay of non-arbitrable claims pending completion of arbitration.

PUBLICATIONS

In re Atm Fee Litigation: *Ninth Circuit Uses Illinois Brick to Build a High Wall for Indirect Purchasers*, 12 DePaul Bus. & Comm. L.J. 121 (Fall 2013)

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Memberships

- Illinois Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association

Education

- J.D., DePaul University College of Law, 2014
 - *Magna Cum Laude*
 - Editor-in-Chief, DePaul Business & Commercial Law Journal
 - Member, Order of the Coif
 - Judicial Extern, Honorable Justice Anne M. Burke, Illinois Supreme Court
 - Teaching Assistant, Legal Analysis, Research & Communications
 - Janet D. Steiger Fellow, Tennessee Office of Attorney General
 - Recipient of several CALI Awards for Academic Excellence
- B.A., Political Science and Sociology, Minor in Women's Studies, 2011
 - University Honors

Honors

- *Super Lawyers*® Rising Stars distinction in Insurance Coverage and Business Litigation (2019-2024)
- Leading Lawyers Magazine, Emerging Civil Defense Lawyer (2020)

- Leading Lawyers Magazine, “Emerging Women Lawyer” (2020-2021)
- *Best Lawyers in America*® Ones to Watch distinction in Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants (2021-2025), Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants (2021-2025), Legal Malpractice Law (2024-2025)