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Megan Benevento is an associate at Stein Mitchell Beato & Missner who assists clients in all aspects of complex litigation. She has represented clients in a wide variety of circumstances in forums across the country, including, but not limited to: commercial and government contracts disputes, constitutional law issues, defamation cases, non-compete and non-solicitation enforcement, class action litigation, criminal defense, fraud, trade secrets, breach of fiduciary duty, and injunctive relief. Megan has experience as lead counsel at evidentiary hearings and depositions, has second-chaired multiple jury and bench trials, and also has represented clients at mediations and settlement conferences to reach alternative dispute resolutions.

Experience

- *Mazzeos v. Rev. Shell Kimble, et. al.*, Consolidated Case No. 481100V (Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland): Independently briefed and argued successful motion to dismiss suits as Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation ("SLAPP") that were brought against parents by their special needs children's private school for alleged defamation and tortious interference after the parents reported concerns about abuse and neglect at the school
- *Remileaf, LLC v. Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission*, Case No. C-02-CV-19-003179 (Anne Arundel County, Maryland Circuit Court): successfully briefed and argued a motion for temporary restraining order that enjoined the Commission from issuing licenses state-wide due to unfairness in the application process through unpromulgated rule-making procedures.
- *LS3 Inc. v. Cherokee Federal Solutions, L.L.C.*, 2021 WL 4459053 (D. Colo., 2021): Coauthored successful motion to dismiss resolving all claims, specifically the motion's arguments to dismiss the tortious interference and misappropriation of trade secrets counts arising out of former employees' departures
- *Schrader, et. al. v. Nancy Kopp, et. al.*, 459 Md. 187 A.3d 88 (2018): successfully second-chaired, through intake to the Maryland Court of Appeals, the representation of two of Governor Hogan's recess appointees in striking down an unconstitutional law that denied them compensation
- *Frank A. v. Emery Fed. Credit Union*, No. 1:15-cv-792, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 127022 (S.D. Ohio Aug. 10, 2017): co-authored the first successful motion for class certification of a Real Estate Settlement

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Practices Act (RESPA) claim within the jurisdiction of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Practice Areas

Commercial Litigation

Honors

SuperLawyers "Rising Star" for Maryland and District of Columbia for 2022

Recognized by The Maryland Daily Record as one of 2018's "VIP" under 40 award winners for contributions to the legal field and community, including successfully testifying in support of Maryland bills to prevent child abuse and for litigation on behalf of abused children

Appointed inaugural co-chair of the Maryland Association for Justice's Civil Rights and Constitutional Law Section

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D.

University of Oregon, Bachelors of Science in Family and Human Services

Admissions

Maryland Court of Appeals

District of Columbia Court of Appeals

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

United States District Court for Maryland