

## Megan Chester

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Megan Chester is an associate and business lawyer with Foley & Lardner LLP. Megan is based in the firm's Washington, D.C. office, where she is a member of the Government Solutions Practice.

Megan advises both large and small businesses on regulatory issues before the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). She represents motor vehicle manufacturers and major parts suppliers on NHTSA regulatory compliance issues, including advising on Federal motor vehicle safety standards, recalls, and compliance obligations under the Motor Vehicle Safety Act, TREAD Act, and implementing regulations. Megan further represents manufacturers, distributors, retailers, and other businesses under investigation by the FTC and CPSC and advises those businesses on regulatory compliance programs.

Megan also advises both large and small businesses on nearly all aspects of federal, state, and local government contracting, including drafting, reviewing, and negotiating government contracts, subcontracts, and cooperative agreements, and advises clients on government contracts compliance obligations. She assists government contractors in conducting internal compliance investigations and advises large and small businesses on government investigations.

Megan regularly performs due diligence in connection with mergers and acquisitions involving government contractors and subcontractors. She represents government contractors in bid protests before the U.S. Government Accountability Office, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and state agencies, and drafts requests for equitable adjustment and claims under federal government contracts.

Prior to joining Foley, Megan served as an attorney advisor at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Office of the Chief Counsel, Procurement and Fiscal Law Division, where she acted as the lead procurement attorney on over \$10 billion of disaster response contracting actions, including a \$3.4 billion solicitation and its resulting contracts for COVID-19 Pandemic Response, successfully defended the government in appeals before the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals and bid protests before the Government

Accountability Office, and advised the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer on the resolution of pre-award and post-award agency level protests, Contract Disputes Act claims, and requests for equitable adjustment. Previously, Megan also served as an attorney advisor at FEMA's Federal Insurance & Mitigation Law Division.

## Publications and Presentations

- Co-author, "[Government Contracts: Service Contract Labor Standards Compliance](#)," *Thomson Reuters Practical Law* (2023)
- Author, "[Lost in Translation: The Case for the Addition of Directness as a Factor in True Threat Analysis](#)," *23 CommLaw Conspectus* 395 (2015)
- Co-author, "[A Positive Supreme Court Term for the First Amendment](#)," *Newseum Institute* (July 23, 2014)

## Sectors

- [Health Care & Life Sciences](#)
- [Manufacturing](#)

## Practice Areas

- [Corporate](#)
- [FTC Consumer Protection](#)
- [Government Procurement](#)
- [Government Solutions](#)
- [NHTSA & Motor Vehicle Safety](#)
- [State Attorneys General](#)

## Education

- The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law (J.D., cum laude)
  - Certificates in Comparative & International Law and Law & Public Policy
  - Note & Comments Editor, *Journal of Law & Technology*
  - Vice-Chancellor for Alumni Relations, Moot Court
- Northeastern University (B.A., magna cum laude)
  - Member, Pi Sigma Alpha honor society
  - Study Abroad: London School of Economics

## Admissions

- Minnesota
- Washington, D.C.
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims