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Meghann Joyce is a complex litigator and your team's strategic advantage during HR problems, construction disputes, and appeals. When the stress is high, Meghann lifts weight off the shoulders of overworked business owners, company executives, and human resource professionals who need strategic solutions to their legal problems. As a deep thinker with keen analytical skills, Meghann strives to take the worry off your plate and help you efficiently resolve disputes from the initial claim through an appeal so that you can focus on improving the well-being of your employees and your business. Meghann protects your company's name and money when problems arise and proactively gets ahead of issues before they're known. With several years of legal experience, Meghann has brought and defended several appeals to the South Dakota Supreme Court and has worked with solo and small law firms as they navigate an appeal to the South Dakota Supreme Court. From complex litigation, employment issues, and construction disputes, Meghann's priority is to ensure the comfort and confidence of her clients during challenging moments – to make it worth it for her clients.

Education:

University of South Dakota School of Law, Juris Doctor

- Sterling Honor Graduate
- Moot Court Board (2008-2009, Vice President)
- Trial Advocacy Team
- Native American Law Students Association
- Student Bar Association First-Year Mentoring Program
- Horace and Dorothy Jackson Memorial Award, Best Brief (2009)
- Alan Bogue Best Team Award, Runner-Up (2009)
- Texas Young Trial Lawyers Association, Regional Competition, Semifinalist (2009)
- Emory Civil Rights and Liberties Moot Court Competition
 - Quarterfinalist (2008)
 - Second Place Brief (2008)
- Sam Masten Intramural Moot Court Tournament
 - Champion (2007)
 - Best Brief (2007)

University of South Dakota, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a Minor in Civic Leadership Studies

- Mock Trial (Captain)
- Political Science League, Vice President (2003-2004)
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Pi Sigma Alpha
- Golden Key Honor Society
- NCAA Division II Track & Field All-American (May 2004, May 2006)
- NCAA Division II Track & Field Academic All-American (Academic Years 2002-2006)
- NCAA Division II Post-Graduate Scholar (2006)

Employment:

Boyce Law Firm, LLP, Sioux Falls, SD

Senior Associate, 2011-2018

- Member of the litigation section of the firm, representing clients in a wide variety of general civil litigation matters, including family law, insurance and insurance bad faith litigation, trust and estate litigation, commercial litigation, employment law and litigation, motion practice, depositions, and appeals.

Supreme Court of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, SD

Law Clerk, 2009-2011

- Served under The Honorable Justice Glen A. Severson
- Assisted Justice Severson by drafting memoranda, preparing for oral argument, and performing legal research.

Bar Admissions:

South Dakota and Minnesota

Professional Associations & Community Involvement:

- South Dakota Bar Association, Practice Rules Revision Committee, CLE Committee
- Second Circuit Bar Association (President, June 2016-March 2017)
- Second Circuit Women in Law (President, June 2013-June 2014; Vice President/President-Elect, June 2012-May 2013)
- South Dakota Trial Lawyers' Association
- South Dakota Defense Lawyers' Association (Member, Board of Directors, November 2014-Present; Vice President, November 2017-Present)
- Defense Research Institute, Appellate Advocacy Section, Social Media Committee (October 2017-Present)
- Leadership Sioux Falls, Class 28

Publications & Presentations:

- "South Dakota Appellate Practice: Statistics, Insight & Practice Tips for Appeals to the South Dakota Supreme Court," South Dakota State Bar, Law for Lunch Webinar, December 21, 2017.
- "South Dakota Supreme Court Update: Opinions, Rule Changes & Analysis," South Dakota Defense Lawyers' Association, Annual Meeting & Seminar, November 10, 2017, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- "How Appealing: How to Do an Appeal to the South Dakota Supreme Court," South Dakota State Bar, Statewide Swearing-In Nuts & Bolts CLE, October 27, 2017, Pierre, South Dakota.

- “Think Like a Lawyer: The Importance of Documentation in the Construction Industry,” National Association of Women in Construction, Sioux Falls, South Dakota Chapter, January 5, 2016, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- “Interviewing Prospective Employees: What to Say and What Not to Say,” South Dakota Municipal League, Elected Officials’ Workshop, July 8, 2015, Pierre, South Dakota.
- “Human Resources Basics,” South Dakota Municipal League, City Finance Officers’ School, June 12, 2014, Chamberlain, South Dakota.