



Megan R. Calme-Cappellini

Partner

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Megan Calme has extensive experience handling general liability, transportation, negligent security, aviation, and construction defect claims, including those involving claims of catastrophic injury and wrongful death, in state and federal court. Megan's representation has included insured and self-insured commercial businesses, construction companies, and large and small transportation businesses. In addition, Megan has represented professionals and businesses in employment litigation claims, including Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) matters.

Megan is known for her ability to identify key legal issues and conduct swift and thorough investigations resulting in a successful defense and favorable outcome for her clients.

Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Megan represented clients in complex commercial litigation, government fraud-related matters, professional liability actions, criminal representations including those involving federal white-collar matters, commercial disputes, and employment litigation. She also developed extensive experience in corporate health care compliance, including providing supervisory oversight of a comprehensive compliance program.

Education

- Thomas M. Cooley Law School (J.D., 2012)
- Wayne State University (B.A., 2005)

Bar Admissions

- Tennessee
- New Jersey

Services

- Accountants
- Aviation & Aerospace
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Employment & Labor
- Professional Liability & Services
- Transportation

- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Tennessee

Professional Affiliations

- New Jersey State Bar Association, Corporate Counsel Section
- New York State Bar Association, Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law Sections
- Young Lawyers Association, Business Law Section

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch™, 2024-2025
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Ones to Watch in the area of Commercial Litigation, 2022-2023

Representative Matters

Second-chair trial associate in a federal criminal jury trial in the Southern District of New York, providing trial preparation, assisting in motion submissions, post-trial briefs and appellate briefs in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

Second-chair trial associate in a construction dispute involving a municipality, assisting with trial preparation, motion submissions and post-trial summations.

Second-chair trial associate in a personal injury matter, providing trial preparation and assisting in motion submissions, court-ordered arbitration and post-trial submissions.

Served as assisting associate representing a multinational corporation in multimillion-dollar arbitration.

Assisted in preparing briefs before the Southern District of New York and Second Circuit Court of Appeals in a sealed Grand Jury matter on the issue of diplomatic immunity.

Represented plaintiffs and defendants in commercial and business litigation, construction, personal injury, *qui tam* (False Claims Act), government-fraud, employment and white-

collar criminal defense matters before state and federal courts.

Litigation preparation in civil and criminal matters involving all aspects of the litigation process from inception through conclusion, including case analysis, preparation of pleadings, discovery/disclosure, motion practice, conducting hearings, trial preparation, trials, appeals and settlement negotiations.

Represent clients before administrative law hearings.

Served as supervisory outside counsel on corporate health care compliance matters, revising and implementing comprehensive compliance and ethics programs, including risk assessments, ethical fitness, code of conduct, internal investigations and due diligence programs.

Counseled clients on voluntary disclosure programs relating to undisclosed income, offshore accounts and unpaid taxes.

Draft, review and negotiate a wide variety of contracts with an emphasis on enhancing economic benefits, corporate protections and timely disclosures, and avoiding exposure to litigation.

Client Wins

Santana and Calme-Cappellini Win No Cause Judgment For Domestic Airline Client

Sierra Santana (Associate-Madison, NJ) and Megan Calme-Cappellini (Of Counsel-Madison, NJ) obtained a dismissal with prejudice in the Mercer County Superior Court, Trenton, New Jersey, for Wilson Elser's client, a domestic airline. The plaintiff caused a disturbance on a flight, and he was removed from the client's plane before takeoff. He sued, alleging negligent and intentional infliction of emotional distress, and sought punitive damages on the claim. Additional claims included alleged breach of contract and unjust enrichment, with a total demand of \$20,000. Sierra and Megan's ensuing motion for summary judgment was denied as premature. The parties proceeded through the discovery process, and upon appearing for a bench trial, Sierra and Megan had no choice but to proceed with no witnesses. Accordingly, the cross-examination of the plaintiff was crucial to the defense. The court held that the plaintiff failed to meet the burden of proof regarding the alleged claims and issued a dismissal with prejudice for failure to establish a cause of action.