Megan Wolfe Benett

Partner

Megan Wolfe Benett has been appointed to the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee for the Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 Boeing 737 MAX investigation, discovery and litigation against Boeing and other defendants against Boeing and other defendants. Megan earned her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School after receiving her B.A. from Stanford University. She is a trial and appellate lawyer representing plaintiffs in aviation litigation, complex product liability cases, mass torts, maritime claims and 42 U.S.C. § 1983 cases against state and local government entities in federal and state courts. She has also been appointed by the judges of the Southern District of New York to serve on the court's Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel through which she represents indigent individuals charged with having committed federal criminal offenses.

> We battle passionately for our clients. For each case, we build a team that best meets the needs of the client and the case.
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> ~ **Megan Wolfe Benett** | Partner and Attorney

At Kreindler, Megan currently leads our clients' 9/11 litigation effort, including the international litigation against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. She has represented, among others, victims of the Mumbai terror attacks, individuals and businesses harmed by the BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster and families of the passengers killed in the crash of Colgan Flight 3407.

After earning her B.A. from Stanford University, Megan worked in Washington, D.C. at a national political party committee on a Senate campaign and also for a lobbying firm. Following Megan's graduation from the University of Michigan Law School, she was chosen as a Albert M. Sacks Fellow at the Harvard Law School Criminal Justice Institute.

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> For one year Megan served as staff counsel at the Claims Resolution Tribunal in Zürich, Switzerland where she adjudicated claims to dormant Swiss bank accounts that had been owned by victims of Nazi persecution.

Upon her return to the United States, Megan was a clerk to the Honorable Judith S. Kaye, Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals and, prior to that, a public defender in Manhattan at the Legal Aid Society.

Megan has argued cases to the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second and Ninth Circuits and the First and Second Departments in New York State and has tried cases and argued substantive motions in a number of district courts in the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, as well as in numerous New York State courts.

Practice Focus

Education

- University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI, J.D.
- Stanford University, Stanford, CA, B.A.

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Courts for the Southern District of NY
- United States District Courts for the Eastern District of NY
- District of Massachusetts

Exemplar Cases Include:

- Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 9/11 Terror Lawsuit Against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster, Gulf Coast, United States
- Mumbai Terror Attack Litigation
- Colgan Flight 3407 crash, Clarence Center, New York

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