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Megan guides private companies through capital markets transactions—turning the complexity of SEC registration, disclosure, and cross-border securities law into a clear path to public markets.

For companies on the threshold of going public, Megan is the attorney they call first. With two decades of capital markets experience, she has built a practice centered on taking private companies—including China-based issuers, domestic start-ups, and small- to mid-cap ventures—through every stage of the initial public offering (IPO) process, from early-stage corporate structuring to NASDAQ listing and beyond.

Megan advises both issuers and underwriters on equity and debt securities offerings, including underwritten public offerings, shelf takedowns, convertible note transactions, and Regulation A+ offerings. She is equally at home representing a pharmaceutical company raising capital through a follow-on offering as she is counseling an education technology company on a multi-tranche underwritten transaction. Her cross-border capital markets work—particularly for China-based companies accessing U.S. public markets—reflects a deep familiarity with the regulatory and structural demands that international issuers face when listing on U.S. exchanges.

Public companies also rely on Megan for ongoing Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filing and disclosure compliance, corporate governance counseling, and mergers and acquisitions (M&A) support. She has served as outside general counsel to entrepreneurs and emerging companies, advising on all aspects of corporate legal development as those businesses scale. That combination of transactional depth and day-to-day counseling gives Megan's clients continuity across the full arc of their growth—from formation through liquidity.

Megan's practice spans the Healthcare & Life Sciences and technology sectors, among others, and she regularly advises clients on evolving SEC rulemaking and its practical

Education

- New York Law School (J.D., 2003)
- University of Iowa (B.A., Print Journalism, 1994)

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Connecticut
- New Jersey

impact on public reporting companies.

Select Experience

- Regularly represent issuers and underwriters in initial public offerings, including SPAC IPOs, across multiple issuers and industries.
- Represented Nasdaq-listed technology and data-driven infrastructure company in \$30M convertible note offering facility, including a shelf take-down and subsequent registration statements on Form S-1.
- Represented China-based Nasdaq Global Market-listed issuer in shelf takedown of convertible notes and warrants.
- Represent Nasdaq- and NYSE-American-listed issuers in general corporate and securities matters, including SEC filing and disclosure compliance.

Languages

- Mandarin Chinese

Media Mentions

- "SHEIN's IPO Raises Fresh Questions on Alleged Forced Labor in Its Supply Chain," November 29, 2023
- "AI Could Make It Easier for Companies to IPO. Is That a Good Idea?" September 8, 2023
- "New SEC Cybersecurity Disclosure Rules Are on the Horizon," August 3, 2023, with J. Song
- "Kim Kardashian may be the hero the IPO market needs," July 20, 2023
- "Public Interest in the Wake of Slack Technologies, Inc. v. Pirani," Daily Journal, a publication of California Lawyer, June 29, 2023
- "SPACs: Their Current Status and the Future of Regulation," November 16, 2021
- "It May Soon Be Time to Reevaluate the Makeup of Your Board of Directors," December 29, 2020

Select Presentations

- Panelist, Arc Group 2026 Capital M&A Seminar, Shanghai, September 3, 2026
- Panelist, Wolves of Wall Street, November 2, 2023
- Moderator of Keynote Panel "Fearless Leaders: lessons Learned from Deal Makers Driving Diversity," Women of Wall Street, November 2022

Insights

July 24, 2026

SEC Approves Nasdaq's New Continued Listing Standard Requiring a Minimum of \$5 Million Market Value of Listed Securities

March 23, 2026

SEC Division of Corporation Finance Issues New Interpretation That May Benefit

Issuers Becoming Subject to Baby Shelf Rules

October 14, 2025

SEC Gives Green Light to ExxonMobil's Retail Voting Program — A New Model for Retail Shareholder Participation

October 2, 2025

Impact of the Government Shutdown on Public Reporting Companies

April 4, 2024

Thinking of Listing on the NASDAQ?