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Meredith's practice focuses on all phases of litigation, from discovery to evidentiary hearings to trying cases.



Practices

[Complex Litigation](#)
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Education

Yale University, BA, magna cum laude, 2009
Stanford Law School, JD, 2013

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Prior to joining ArentFox Schiff, Meredith was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Central District of Illinois, where she prosecuted a variety of cases including gun, drug, child exploitation, and white-collar crimes.

Meredith has tried cases to juries and briefed and argued appeals in the Seventh Circuit. While earning her law degree, she litigated motions and preliminary hearings as a student in the Stanford Criminal Prosecution Clinic. Prior to becoming an AUSA, she clerked for the Honorable Sara Darrow of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois. Meredith approaches cases with close attention to detail, thoughtfulness, and a commitment to excellence.

Professional Activities

— Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, Volunteer Attorney

Previous Work

— Hon. Sara Darrow, U.S. District Court, C.D. Illinois (2013-2014)

Recognitions

— *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*, Criminal Defense: White-Collar and Commercial Litigation (2021-2024)

Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

— "Top Reasons Trustees Get Sued," CBA Trust Law Committee, Webinar (Jan. 10, 2022)

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit

US District Court, Central District of Illinois