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Meg Johnston is a business and regulatory attorney with years of experience advising clients in regulatory, compliance, licensing, commercial and corporate business matters. She represents financial institutions, insurance companies, Fortune 500 companies, logistics companies and medium and small business buyers and sellers in mergers and acquisitions, acting as deal lead or acting as diligence lead. Meg's practice includes structuring and documenting commercial and agricultural loan transactions, real estate transactions and general commercial transactions. She also counsels clients in intellectual property protection and licensing services and trademark clearance, application, monitoring and enforcement assistance.

Practice Areas

Intellectual Property
Banking and Finance
Business and Corporate Law
Agriculture
Insurance Regulatory
Bank Regulatory
Securities, Corporate Governance and Public Companies
Mergers and Acquisitions
Real Estate

Education

Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service
, B.S.F.S. in International Humanities - (1993)

University of Arkansas Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law,
, J.D. with honors - (2003)

Bar Admissions

Arkansas

Experience

- Counsels bank and insurance company clients on reorganizations, mergers and acquisitions, re-domestications and general corporate governance matters.
- Provides strategic advice to financial institutions and insurance companies on state and federal regulatory relationships.
- Assists banks in commercial and agricultural loan documentation, loan perfection issues, loan workout agreements and forbearances.
- Counsels agriculture landowners in leasing matters with utility companies and natural resources.
- Advises agriculture landowners on leases for hunting and rentals
- Represents insurance companies and health maintenance organizations in formation, initial licensing and multi-state expansions, particularly in the Medicare Advantage, Medicaid and Health fields.
- Provides trademark clearance and application services for business clients.
- Manages trademark monitoring and enforcement programs for trademark owners.
- Negotiates and documents commercial and real estate transactions for clients across all industries.
- Assists clients with intellectual property non-disclosure and licensing agreements.

Professional Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America®:* Banking and Finance Law (2023-2027)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®:* Administrative / Regulatory Law (2026-2027)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®:* Insurance Law (2025-2027)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®:* Trademark Law (2026-2027)
- *Soiree* Woman to Watch (2009)

Involvement

- International Trademark Association (INTA)
- Arkansas Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Pulaski County Bar Association
- Board of Directors, Wildwood Park for the Arts
- Board of Directors, Farmers & Merchants Bank
- Founding Board Member, Dick Johnston Children's Camp
- Junior League of Little Rock
- *Symposium* Editor, UALR Law Review (2002-03)