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Lathrop GPM Associate Megan Miller Featured in Hennepin Lawyer 2025 Annual Print Edition

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Megan Miller was recently featured in the *Hennepin Lawyer's* 'The first time I felt like I lawyer,' series.

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The first time I felt like a lawyer...

Megan Miller, Lathrop GPM

The first time I really felt like a lawyer was when I drafted my first trademark infringement complaint for filing in federal court. What made it even more memorable was that I discovered the infringement myself—while on a double-decker tour bus, of all places, proving that legal instincts never take a holiday! Getting to experience the entire process unfold, from identifying the issue in the marketplace through settlement negotiations and, finally, to drafting the complaint, was incredible. It was a moment where I not only applied the law, but I also played a pivotal role in protecting my client's intellectual property, reinforcing the real-world impact of my practice.

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The first time I really felt like a lawyer was during the first closing call I sat in on as a first-year mergers and acquisitions associate. My team had worked for months, marching toward the finish line of a complex business transaction where our client ultimately acquired another private company for hundreds of millions of dollars. As a junior associate learning the basics of lawyering, the transaction documents and deal negotiations mostly felt abstract and secondary to the firehose of information and concepts I was absorbing during my day-to-day work. When both parties released signature pages and the deal was officially closed (a fairly anticlimactic process punctuated by both sides sharing obligatory congratulations to each other), a rush of giddy adrenaline replaced what was once the feeling of a massive weight on my shoulders. I looked at the senior associate and partner I supported and learned from throughout the transaction, smiled, and knew that I could call myself a deal lawyer.



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