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Leigh J. Jahnig is an associate in the firm's Litigation Department.

Ms. Jahnig received her JD from Northwestern University School of Law where she graduated *magna cum laude*. During law school, Ms. Jahnig drafted appellate briefs as a student attorney in the Center on Wrongful Convictions and as an intern with the Office of the State Appellate Defender. She was also an articles editor for the *Northwestern University Law Review* and served as an extern for the Honorable Sidney Schenkier of the US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Before joining Jenner & Block, Ms. Jahnig served as a law clerk to the Honorable Jacques L. Wiener, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the Honorable Rebecca R. Pallmeyer of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Ms. Jahnig is a member of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois. Prior to law school, she worked at a leading real estate investment management firm. She earned her BA in mathematics from the University of Chicago.

Service to the Bar

- Women's Bar Association of Illinois
Member, 2018-present

Publications

- 8 Best Practices for Handling ERISA Benefit Claims, *Law360*, September 27, 2019
- "Under School Colors: Private University Police as State Actors Under §1983," *Northwestern University Law Review*, 110 Nw. U. L. Rev. 249, 2015



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PRACTICE GROUPS

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EDUCATION

Northwestern University School of Law, JD, 2016; *Magna cum laude*; Order of the Coif; Articles editor, *Northwestern University Law Review*; Lowden-Wigmore Prize (awarded to best published law review note)

University of Chicago, BA, 2010

ADMISSIONS

Illinois, 2016

COURT ADMISSIONS

US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 2017

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Hon. Jacques L. Wiener, Jr., US Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 2017 - 2018

Hon. Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, US District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2016 - 2017