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Sommer Sharpe focuses her practice on representing clients in the higher education sector with regard to regulatory and compliance issues at the local, state, and federal level. She also has experience handling collegiate sports and NCAA compliance-related matters, including working on issues related to higher education such as transgender student athletic participation and Title IX.

## Related Professional Experience

- University of Missouri-Kansas City, Title IX Legal Intern, January-May 2021
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri, Judicial Summer Clerk, May-July 2020

#### Published Work and Lectures

 The Burton Awards, Law360 Distinguished Legal Writing Award, Law Firm Recipient for Co-Authoring, "What You Need to Know About Brand Protection in NIL Deals," 2024

## Honors and Distinctions

 Super Lawyers Magazine, 2025, Listed in Illinois as a "Rising Star" for Schools & Education

#### Areas of Experience

Government Strategies Higher Education and Collegiate Athletics

#### Education

J.D., University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, 2021

B.A., University of Iowa, 2019 B.S., George Mason University, 2017

#### Admissions

#### Bars

Illinois

#### Related Content

NCAA Settlement Moves Forward but Faces Obstacles Over Fairness and Roster Limits Before It's Finalized

Eleven Akerman Attorneys Recognized Among 2025 Illinois Super Lawyers February 05, 2025

New Title IX Final Rule: What You Need to Know April 24, 2024