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### PRACTICES

- Higher Education

### EDUCATION

- Vanderbilt University Law School, J.D., 2021, Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law, Executive Editor
- University of Missouri-Columbia, B.A., magna cum laude, 2018
- University of Missouri-Columbia, B.J., magna cum laude, 2018

### EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP  
Associate, 2021-Present  
Summer Associate, 2019-2020
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit Judicial Intern to the Honorable Duane Benton, 2019

Throughout her career, Hope has always found ways to help public institutions achieve their goals.

At Thompson Coburn, she works with the higher education group on regulatory and corporate matters. Specifically, Hope helps colleges and universities with state and federal compliance issues. She has particular experience working with technical schools who are navigating the many licensing requirements that they are subject to. Additionally, Hope also assists clients with day-to-day corporate matters that institutions of higher education frequently encounter, such as contract drafting and review. She also works with these organizations on their strategic initiatives, including mergers, acquisitions, and development.

In addition to serving the higher education industry, Hope assists the Firm's public transit clients on regulatory and contracting matters.