



## Jacqueline Hattar

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Jacqueline Hattar is a member of Wilson Elser's Complex Tort & General Casualty, Transportation and Construction practices. Jackie is among the most successful attorneys in the lower Hudson Valley, who focuses her practice on general tort liability matters and the defense of complex litigation. Jackie regularly handles and supervises general casualty matters for insurers and self-insured entities across the state of New York on personal injury and wrongful death actions involving premises and construction accident claims, and transportation liability claims.

During the course of her career, Jackie has successfully defended property owners, commercial business owners, construction companies, trucking companies, municipalities, short line railroad companies, hospitals and health care facilities in general liability cases involving personal injury and wrongful death claims. She has significant trial experience in all courts throughout the state of New York as well as extensive experience in alternative dispute resolution. Jackie also has significant appellate experience, having written numerous appellate briefs and argued cases in the New York Appellate Division, First and Second Departments.

Prior to joining the firm, Jackie was in-house counsel at Frontier Insurance Group where she defended high-exposure general liability cases throughout the state of New York. Earlier in her career, Jackie served for six years as an assistant district attorney in the Bronx County, New York, District Attorney's Office, where she prosecuted major high-profile offenses from grand jury through trial.

Jackie currently serves as a member of the firm's national Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee. She served on the steering committee that established Wilson Elser's Women Attorneys Valued & Empowered (WAVE) initiative, which exemplifies the firm's enlightened approach to advancing the professional and personal well-being of its women attorneys.

### Services

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Appellate
- Construction
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Government Investigations
- Municipal/Local Government
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance
- Railroad
- Transportation

### **Professional/Community Involvement & Judicial Appointments**

Jackie is an active member of national, state, and local bar associations and other professional organizations that support and promote the practice of law. By judicial appointment, Jackie serves as a member of the New York State Appellate Division, Second Department's Committee on Character and Fitness for the Ninth Judicial District, as well as the Ninth Judicial District Committee to Promote Gender Fairness in the Courts. She is a member of the Pace Women's Justice Center's Advisory Board and the Board of Visitors at the Haub Law School at Pace University. Jackie has spearheaded various mentorship and diversity programs within the firm and through outside organizations. This includes mentorship programs in collaboration with the Westchester Women's Bar Association (WWBA), Haub/Pace Law School, and other organizations. She currently serves as co-chair of the Litigation and Diversity Committees of the WWBA. Jackie has presented various CLE, mentorship, women's leadership, and diversity programs for bar associations and trade organizations. In addition, Jackie devotes significant time to serving the community by participating in events to promote reading and literacy in the Yonkers Public Schools.

### **Transportation**

Jackie defends national trucking and long hauling companies, supply/delivery trucking companies, and individuals in high-exposure, complex litigation, including large-loss injuries and wrongful death claims, property damage claims and subrogation claims. She works with her clients in coordinating rapid emergency response to catastrophic incidents, early case evaluation and investigation, and potential early resolutions. She has tried trucking/automobile accident cases in the state of New York, including the five boroughs of New York City. She also has obtained numerous dismissals on summary judgment and discontinuances on behalf of her clients.

### **Complex General Tort Liability/Premises Liability**

Jackie handles high-exposure general tort liability claims, including claims involving premises liability on behalf of commercial property owners, property managers, homeowners, hospitals, trucking companies, delivery and supply companies, public and private corporations, and other entities and individuals in a wide variety of cases. She has successfully tried numerous general liability claims in New York, including the five boroughs of New York City. She also has obtained many dismissals on summary judgment and discontinuances on behalf of her clients. Jackie has served as a lecturer at various seminars on general tort liability and other areas of insurance defense.

### **Construction Accident/Labor Law 200, 240 and 241 Matters**

Jackie's practice includes handling high-exposure construction accidents/Labor Law sections 200, 240 and 241 matters, many of which involve catastrophic personal injuries and wrongful death. Jackie has represented commercial property owners, property managers, general contractors, subcontractors, hospitals, supply/trucking companies and other entities in a wide range of cases related to New York Labor Law and contractual indemnification issues. She has successfully resolved numerous construction accident cases in the state of New York, including the five boroughs of New York City. She also has obtained many dismissals on summary judgment and discontinuances, and negotiated

numerous favorable settlements on behalf of her clients.

## **Education**

- Pace University School of Law (J.D., 1991)
- Fordham University (B.A., 1988)
  - cum laude

## **Bar Admissions**

- New York

## **Court Admissions**

- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

## **Professional Affiliations**

- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association, member of Torts, Insurance & Compensation Section; Women in the Law Section 2012–present; past member of Civil Practice Law and Rules Committee, 2002–2009
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM), Senior Adviser to CLM’s Region 1, 2017–2018; four-term president, New York City Chapter; member, Construction Law Committee, Hospitality, Casualty & Retailers Committee, Transportation Committee
- National Association of Women Lawyers
- New York City Bar Association
- Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York, State Director, 2012–2016, 2022–present
- Westchester Women’s Bar Association, past Vice President, 2019–2021; cochair, Litigation Committee; cochair, Diversity Committee; Director 2024-2026.
- Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, Board of Visitors
- Pace Women’s Justice Center, Advisory Board
- Ninth Judicial District’s Committee on Gender Fairness in the Courts
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS)
- Professional Women in Construction, New York Chapter
- Westchester County Bar Association
- Bronx County Bar Association

- White Plains Bar Association

## **Awards & Honors**

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America®*, 2024-2026
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Ninth and Tenth Business Editions, Women in the Law, 2024 - 2025
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America®*, New York Area, 2024
- Selected for inclusion in New York Metro *Super Lawyers®* in the General Litigation category, 2023-2026
- Selected for inclusion in New York Women's *Super Lawyers®* in the General Litigation category, 2024-2025
- Appointed to Committee on Character and Fitness, New York State Appellate Division, Second Department, Ninth Judicial District, 2026
- Westchester Women's Bar Association's Diversity Achievement Award, 2025
- New York State Bar Association, Trial Lawyers Section, 5th Annual Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Vanguard Award, 2024
- Rated "Superb" by Avvo
- Named to *Hudson Valley Magazine's* Top Lawyers, 2023, 2024, 2026
- Named to *Westchester Magazine's* Best Lawyers, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Westchester Women's Bar Association Outstanding Service Award, 2021
- Pace Women's Justice Center's Making A Difference Award, 2018
- *Westfair Communications* Diversity Champion Award, 2017
- *914 Inc./Westchester Magazine* Women In Business Award, 2015
- Selected as a Fellow of the New York Bar Foundation, 2015
- Selected as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, 2013
- Recipient of "Certificate of Recognition" from the National Education Association for volunteer service to its Read Across America program, 2007-present
- Featured in "A Firm Commitment to Giving Back," *Westchester County Business Journal*, October 2010
- Listed in Marquis *Who's Who of American Women*, 2006-2008

## **Languages**

- Arabic