



Jacqueline Mitchson

Of Counsel

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Jacqueline Mitchson is a skilled trial and appellate attorney who represents leading insurers in all aspects of civil litigation. Her practice focuses on defending first- and third-party coverage disputes and bad faith litigation related to homeowners, commercial, auto, and health insurance policies. She is a member of an experienced team of attorneys specializing in coverage defense, risk analysis and mitigation, SIU assistance, appellate matters, and related insurance issues. Jackie has significant experience in jury and bench trials, as well as conducting oral arguments before the Oregon Court of Appeals and the Oregon Supreme Court, enabling her to develop realistic strategies for resolving conflicts between insurance carriers and policyholders. She frequently provides coverage advice and writes coverage opinions addressing clients' questions about novel coverage issues.

With a strong business background, Jackie understands accounting, the balance sheet, and the factors that affect her clients' decision-making. She considers not only the policy and the law but also other underlying business factors in resolving an issue or avoiding litigation in the first place. Jackie's clients appreciate her understanding of their goals and objectives, her ability to anticipate their needs, and her holistic approach to devising a unique resolution and outcome that satisfies everyone involved.

Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Jackie worked at a regional litigation firm, where she advised insurance company clients on rights and duties under various types of insurance policies and handled appeals in a broad range of cases, including commercial, casualty, insurance coverage, and administrative law matters. Previously, she served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Charles D. Carlson of the Lane County Circuit Court in Eugene, Oregon, where she conducted research and wrote memoranda on issues from the civil motions docket, and drafted orders, opinions, and judgments in civil and domestic relations cases.

Services

- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage

Education

- University of Oregon School of Law (J.D., 2014)
 - Articles Editor, Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation
 - Dean's Scholarship Recipient
 - Vice President of Marketing, Green Business Initiative Student Association
 - National Client Counseling Moot Court Competition
 - Diversity Committee
- Washington State University (B.A. Business Administration; Political Science, *cum laude*, 2011)

Bar Admissions

- Oregon

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of Oregon

Clerkships

The Honorable Charles D. Carlson, Lane County Circuit Court, 2nd Judicial District

Professional Affiliations

- Oregon Association of Defense Counsel, Features Articles Editor for *The Verdict*, 2024-present
- Oregon Association of Defense Counsel, Coverage Practice Group Chair, 2020-2021
- Oregon Lawyers Against Hunger, Board Member, 2021-2025
- Oregon State Bar House of Delegates, elected delegate, 2018-2020
- Campaign for Equal Justice, Associate's Committee, 2017-2021

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers® Ones to Watch™ in Insurance Law, 2021-2025
- Selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers® Rising Stars™ in Insurance Coverage, 2022-2024