



## Jaime Y. Ritton

Of Counsel

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Jaime Ritton started her career representing well-known financial institutions, bringing lawsuits asserting her clients' rights to monies owed pursuant to contracts and credit transactions. She also defended her financial clients' creditor rights to collect monies owed pursuant to judgments entered.

Jamie currently defends insurers in bad faith and coverage actions. Her experience encompasses both first- and third-party issues based on personal and commercial lines of insurance. She has won several key dispositive motions, including motions for summary judgment in Washington and California and Anti-SLAPP actions in California.

In addition to litigation, Jaime works on coverage matters, advising insurers on third-party lawsuits and responding to policy limits demands. She has also assisted in lawsuits seeking recovery from other insurers after her insurer client paid to protect the insured from further exposure due to a third-party claim in litigation. Jaime also files declaratory relief actions to assert varied insurance coverage positions to protect carriers from exposure to allegations of bad faith.

Jaime has worked on several cases concerning attorney Rules of Professional Conduct. Specifically, those cases regarded an attorney's conflict of interest when a law firm represents both the insured and insurer as well as Cumis counsel issues.

Jaime has also successfully worked on several appeals in Washington and California involving bad faith issues, conflicts of interest, and litigation procedural issues.

### Education

- West Virginia University College of Law (J.D., 2013)

### Services

- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage
- Insurance Regulatory & Compliance
- Insurance & Reinsurance Transactions

- Order of the Coif
- CALI Award for Civil Procedure II, Commercial Law/Advanced Contracts Seminar, and Insurance
- 2012 Jessup International Moot Court Second Best Brief in the Region
- 2013 Jessup International Moot Court Seventh Best Brief in the Region and Mid-Atlantic Region Semi-Finalist
- 2013 Representation in Mediation Competition Regional Winner and Seventh in the Nation
- Executive Research Edits for Volume 115 of the West Virginia Law Review
- University of California, Berkeley (B.A. Japanese, *with honors*, and *Rhetoric*, 2006)

### **Bar Admissions**

- California
- Virginia
- Washington

### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Washington

### **Languages**

- Japanese

## **Representative Matters**

Obtained an order granting a motion for summary judgment for insurer client concerning Washington law on misrepresentation.

Successfully opposed a motion for summary judgment in an underinsured motorist (UIM) insurance bad faith claim in Washington where there were issues with the claimant's case under the UIM statute and his assertion of damages.

Successfully won two interlocutory appeals in Washington state concerning conflict of interest issues when a law firm did not withdraw from a bad faith lawsuit when a separate lawyer in that law firm previously advised the carrier for several years.

Obtained an order for motion for summary judgment for a carrier concerning whether a workers' compensation exclusion endorsement in a homeowners policy applied to a third-party lawsuit in California in which a housekeeper alleged her employer failed to properly compensate her for her services.

Obtained an order denying a motion for summary judgment in California where the insured contractor was not licensed or retained to construct or maintain a water filtration system and thus did not fall under the insuring agreement of the commercial policy.