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Jessica guides clients through all stages of a dispute, bringing a unique perspective and creative solutions to litigation.

Jessica is an associate in Dorsey & Whitney LLP's Southern California office, focusing on complex commercial disputes.

Jessica's cases span Dorsey's practice groups and disputes at the trial and appellate court level. Her notable matters include defending companies from consumer class actions in the California state and federal courts, advising clients on data privacy, and representing clients in international arbitrations. Jessica has also worked on a variety of pro bono matters, including amicus briefing in the U.S. Supreme Court and asylum proceedings in the United States Immigration Courts.

After graduating from law school, Jessica completed an Appellate Fellowship at the largest law firm in the nation specializing exclusively in civil appellate litigation. She then clerked for a federal magistrate judge. Before joining Dorsey, Jessica worked for an international law firm, representing clients in employment and business disputes and class and complex actions

Court Admissions

- United States Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Orange County Bar Association

Education

- Pepperdine Caruso School of Law (J.D., Certificates in Dispute Resolution, Entertainment, Media, & Sports Law, and Entrepreneurship & the Law, 2018)
 - *magna cum laude*
 - order of the coif
 - CALI Excellence for the Future Awards for highest course grades in seven courses
 - Pepperdine Law Review, Lead Articles Editor
- Elon University (B.A., Journalism, minor in German Studies, 2014)
 - *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- California

- Preceptor, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law

Clerkships

- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, 2019–2021

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers® Ones to Watch in America*, Commercial Litigation, Southern California, 2026

Additional Information

- The Disappearing “Ink” Signature, ASS’N BUS. TRIAL LAWYERS REP. (2020; co-author)
- “Want Ads” and Limos: What’s the Next Variation on the “Golden Rule” Argument? VERDICT MAGAZINE (Volume III, 2019)
- The Agenda-Setting Power of Saturday Night Live, 5 ELON J. UNDERGRADUATE RES. COMMUNICATIONS 81 (2014)

Insights

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