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For nearly 27 years, Jessica has focused her practice on representing lawyers and law firms in legal malpractice actions and fee and partnership disputes, providing ethics counseling and representation before the State Bar, and advocating on behalf of other professionals. The State Bar of California certified her as a Specialist in Legal Malpractice Law and appointed her to serve on the State Bar Legal Malpractice Advisory Commission, which drafts the state-wide legal specialization exam. Jessica chaired the Legal Malpractice Section of the Bar Association of San Francisco for seven years, and was responsible for developing attorney education on risk management and legal malpractice issues. Her commitment to educating attorneys on these subjects extends beyond California. Jessica was appointed to the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability for which she continues to develop and present programs, co-authored its 2016 and 2020 quadrennial study of legal malpractice claims and served on its Ed Mendrzycki Essay Contest subcommittee.

Jessica has defended multiple jury trials to verdict, including high stakes litigation in San Diego, for which she was recognized as "litigator of the week" by ALM. The Daily Journal declared this same trial one of the most significant defense verdicts in California in 2017. She brings her passion for advocacy to bear on all aspects of litigation.

Admissions

- Member, California State Bar
- Admitted in numerous U.S. District Courts
- Admitted in the U.S. Court of Appeal, Ninth Circuit

Academics

- Golden Gate University | School of Law, J.D. with honors, 1993
- Oberlin College, B.A. in Art History, 1987

Recognition

- Litigator of the Week, ALM
- Top Defense Verdict of 2017, The Daily Journal

Professional Affiliation

- California State Bar, Certified Specialist, Legal Malpractice, 2012 - present
- Bar Association of San Francisco, Legal Malpractice Section
- Member: California State Bar Legal Malpractice Law Advisory Commission 2015 - present
- "Northern California Super Lawyer" in Professional Liability Defense, 2013-present
- Co-Chair of Legal Malpractice Section of Bar Association of San Francisco, 2001- 2008

Publications

- Co-Author, Profile of Legal Malpractice Claims 2016-2019, American Bar Association Lawyers Standing Committee on Professional Liability
- Co-Author, Profile of Legal Malpractice Claims 2013-2016, American Bar Association Lawyers Standing Committee on Professional Liability
- Co-Author, Law Firms & In-House Privilege, *California Lawyer*, May 2015
- Profile of Legal Malpractice Claims, 2011-2015, American Bar Association Standing Committee on Lawyers Professional Liability, published September 2016 (Report Co-Author)
- Co-Author, Mandatory Fee Arbitration, *California Lawyer*, January 2010

Presentations

- Presenter, American Bar Association Standing Committee on Lawyers Professional Liability, Fall 2020 Conference: "Profile of Legal Malpractice Claims 2016-2019"
- Presenter, American Bar Association Standing Committee on Lawyers Professional Liability, Spring 2019 Conference, "The Epidemic of Claims by Non-Clients Against Company Counsel"
- Co-Presenter, Trial Ethics: Common Issues at Trial, Bar Association of San Francisco, October 2014
- Program Chair, Sorry Seems to Be the Hardest Word - Admitting Liability at Trial, Fall 2014, ABA National Legal Malpractice Conference, San Francisco, California
- Co-Presenter, Ethical Risk Management for the Family Law Attorney, California State Bar Webinar, June 2012
- Co-Presenter, Case Law Developments, ABA National Legal Malpractice Conference, Boston, 2011
- Contributor, Risk Management: Ethical And Professional Liability Issues That Confront Family Law Attorneys, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 35th Annual Symposium; May 13, 2011
- Contributor, Conflicts Of Interest, Avoiding 3D (Disqualification, Disgorgement And Discipline), Contra Costa Bar Association Litigation Section, November 20, 2009
- Program Chair, The Toxic Client, Bar Association of San Francisco, January 2009
- Program Chair, The At-Risk Attorney, Bar Association of San Francisco, January 2009
- Co-Presenter, Defending Against the Pro se Plaintiff - Is it Really Easier?, ABA National Legal Malpractice Conference, New York, 2006
- Program Chair, Risk Management For The Wills And Estate Attorney, Bar Association of San Francisco, January 12, 2006
- Program Chair, Avoiding Legal Malpractice In Employment Litigation, Bar Association of San Francisco, December 9, 2005

Presentations, cont.

- Program Chair, Fee Agreements: Is It Time To Change Yours?, Bar Association of San Francisco, December 2, 2005
- Program Chair, Fighting For Your Fee, Bar Association of San Francisco, September 27, 2005
- Program Chair, Fee Agreements: Managing Client Expectations And Protecting Your Fee, Bar Association of San Francisco, December 10, 2004
- Program Chair, Avoiding Legal Malpractice In Family Law, Bar Association of San Francisco, December 12, 2003
- Program Chair and Co-Presenter, Emerging Trends In Non-Traditional Liability Theories Against Attorneys, Bar Association of San Francisco, December 11, 2002
- Program Chair, Purchasing Professional Liability Insurance, Bar Association of San Francisco, November 20, 2002
- Program Chair, Avoiding Attorney Liability To Non-Clients, Bar Association of San Francisco, October 29, 2001
- Program Chair, Avoiding Legal Malpractice: A Primer For Attorneys, Bar Association of San Francisco, September 25, 2001

Featured In

- "ABA Insurer Survey Shows Steady Flow of Malpractice Claims," Law360, September 2020
- "King & Spalding Beats DQ Bid In WhatsApp Hacking Suit," Law360, June 2020
- "King & Spalding Fights DQ Bid In WhatsApp Hacking Suit," Law360, June 2020