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OVERVIEW

An experienced trial attorney, Jennifer focuses her practice on helping clients navigate mass tort, product liability and commercial claims.

For more than 20 years, Jennifer has led trial teams, defending owners, manufacturers, contractors, distributors and suppliers of a wide range of industrial and pharmaceutical products including chemicals, talc, pesticides/herbicides and asbestos. Jennifer works closely with clients on end-to-end litigation, from discovery and depositions, pre-trial motions, trial preparation and trial. She has defended clients in state and federal courts, with a unique ability to develop legal strategies that advance client goals in both individual cases and national caseloads.

In addition to her toxic tort practice, Jennifer assists clients with general commercial litigation, such as breach of contract claims. Clients value her broad legal background, which includes having worked on matters of labor & employment, defending governmental entities in personal injury cases, and representing broker-dealers before the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) in mandatory arbitrations.

“Jennifer is strong on strategy and seeing the big picture, as well as being skilled in a courtroom with witnesses and a jury.”

— Chambers USA 2024

Industries

Manufacturing
Technology
Transportation

Services

Asbestos Litigation
Product Liability
Toxic Tort

Jennifer currently serves as Office Managing Partner for the firm's Oakland office.

Experience

- Defended pesticide/herbicide manufacturer in cancer-related claims and managed large volume litigation in state Judicial Council Coordination Proceedings.
- Defended pharmaceutical company in personal injury claim. Case was dismissed following successful negotiation prior to need for appearance in the action.
- Defended manufacturing client in injury asbestos exposure claim where genetic mutation defense was first attempted in California. Case resolved following successful Evidence Code 402 hearing for defense experts.
- Defended and managed strategy for pipe manufacturer, auto parts retailer and HVAC equipment manufacturer in high-volume asbestos exposure claims.
- Defended government contractor in personal injury actions.
- Defended mine companies in talc/asbestos exposure claims with results ranging from mistrial, favorable settlements, dismissals and defense verdicts.
- Trial counsel for agricultural company in Oregon case where plaintiff claimed his non-hodgkin lymphoma was caused by use of herbicide. The case resulted in a unanimous defense verdict. More information on the case can be found [here](#).

Recognition

- *Benchmark Litigation*, Local Litigation Star, 2023-2025
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2024 and 2025
- *Chambers USA*, Product Liability: Toxic Torts, Nationwide, 2023 and 2024

Education

- J.D., University of San Francisco School of Law
- B.A., University of California, Riverside

Admissions

- California
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- 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



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