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PRACTICE AREAS

- Business Litigation
- Construction Law
- Employment
- Intellectual Property

EDUCATION

- University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D.
- Northwestern University McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science, B.S. - Civil Engineering

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

A 15-year litigator with background in civil engineering, Jennifer brings considerable technical and litigation acumen to her work on behalf of clients facing difficult disputes. Relied on for her ability to quickly understand sophisticated matters, Jennifer has been involved in a wide range of cases, including construction, employment, and intellectual property disputes as well as complex commercial litigation.

Jennifer's longtime involvement in construction and engineering-related matters stems from early academic and practical experience as an undergraduate at Northwestern University. In addition to her civil engineering coursework, she worked for two engineering firms and participated in drafting plans for commercial and residential projects and on-site testing of the concrete columns for the Baltimore Ravens stadium.

Since then, Jennifer has represented property owners, developers, general contractors, subcontractors, architects, and engineers in a broad range of disputes, including design and construction defect, delay, and impact claims. While she resolves most disputes through mediation, arbitration, and private negotiations, she also represents construction and engineering clients in court.

In addition, Jennifer has considerable experience defending employers – from a small manufacturing operation to a Fortune 100 financial services organization – against discrimination and harassment claims, and alleged violations of the Family Medical Leave Act, Fair Labor Standards Act, and Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act. She also advises on terminations and separation agreements, and drafts employee handbooks.

Early in her career, Jennifer gained exposure to complex and highly technical matters – including pharmaceutical patent infringement and due diligence on technology acquisition candidates – at leading international intellectual property firm Fish & Neave. Her ability to master new subject areas has contributed to the breadth of her litigation experience: in addition to her work on construction/engineering, employment, intellectual property, and commercial litigation matters, clients have turned to her for representation in class action, real estate, insurance, and bankruptcy matters, and appeals at the district and state level.

ADMISSIONS

- Maryland
- New York
- Colorado
- District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, Maryland
- U.S. District Court, Eastern and Southern Districts of New York
- U.S. District Court, Colorado
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

MEDIA

- Co-author, Maryland Construction Law Blog – *Ongoing*