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Main Bio

Jacey Prupas is a commercial litigator with nearly 20 years of experience representing businesses in federal and state courts throughout Nevada and California. Her litigation experience is broad, encompassing all facets of commercial litigation. She handles cases from inception through trial and arbitration, dealing with complex business torts, real estate and contract disputes, healthcare issues, insurance coverage disputes, and personal injury and products cases. Her clients range from small local businesses to Fortune 500 companies.

What truly sets Jacey apart is her fierce loyalty to her clients and her ability to foster relationships within the legal community. These connections not only reflect her dedication but also ensure that her clients receive the highest level of service and representation. As a commercial litigator, Jacey's efficiency and strategic intelligence make her a formidable force in the legal arena.

Jacey, a second-generation Reno resident, attributes much of her success in her career to the influences of Judge Janet Berry (Ret.), under whom she clerked, Justice Kristina Pickering, and fellow Snell & Wilmer attorney Bill Peterson. Her passion for practicing law lies in the strategic aspect of her work, where she excels at formulating legal strategies and implementing them effectively within a team.

Jacey is a member of the firm's expanded Executive Committee and is the Managing Partner for the Reno office. Jacey is also the Co-Chair of the firm's Women's Initiative Committee.

Representative Experience

- Complete defense verdict obtained on behalf of a large ranch owner against claims brought by a railroad related to over \$20 million in damages caused by a flood.
- Complete defense verdict obtained on behalf of a national cellular company against claims for fraud.
- Prosecuting breach of contract and fraud claims based on a real estate transaction and stock purchase agreement between a national real estate firm and manufacturer.
- Successfully prosecuted several injunction hearings on behalf of a national insurance brokerage firm.
- Successfully defended a national cinema chain and national developer against claims for breach of a construction and operating agreement pertaining to a significant re-development project.
- Represented a national insurance company related to insurance bad faith allegations.
- Represented a national manufacturer of snow maintenance vehicles in a significant personal injury matter.

- Represented a national medical transportation company in a wrongful death matter.
- Successfully defended a national beer manufacturer related to a distributorship agreement.

Education

- Santa Clara University School of Law (J.D.)
 - Moot Court Executive Board
 - CALI Award winner for Legal Research
- Santa Clara University (B.S., Political Science)
 - University of Cape Town, South Africa

Professional Memberships & Activities

- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
 - Trial Academy
- Washoe County Bar Association
 - Board Member (2016-2020)
- State Bar of Nevada
 - Nevada Board of Bar Examiners, Appointed Member
 - Nevada Bar Exam Grader (2013-Present)
 - Second Judicial District Court Jury Trial Task Force, Appointed Member (2020-2021)
 - Commission on Judicial Selection, Dept. 8 of Second Judicial District Court, Appointed Temporary Member (2012, 2017)
- American Bar Association
- Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "Conversations on Justice, Diversity, and Understanding: In Celebration of Women's History Month," Moderator, Snell & Wilmer Webinar (March 19, 2024)
- "[Thought Leaders: Opportunity Zones: More Flexibility in New Guidelines Issued in April](#)," Co-Author, Northern Nevada Business View (May 27, 2019)
- "[Thought Leaders: The Changing Legal Landscape in a Growth Market](#)," Quoted, Northern Nevada Business Weekly (May 7, 2018)
- "2014 Employment Tool Kit: Understanding Employment Law in Nevada; Issues Affecting the Workplace Today including enforcing non-compete agreements," Presenter, Snell & Wilmer seminar (Reno, September 18, 2014; Las Vegas, September 23, 2014)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- Fellow, American Bar Fellows (2018-2019)
- The Best Lawyers in America®
 - Commercial Litigation (2018-2024)
 - Insurance Litigation (2024)
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2023)

- Top Rank Attorney, Nevada Business Magazine (2013-2023)
 - Best Up and Coming Attorneys (2014)
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Rising Stars Edition, General Litigation (2009, 2011-2018)

Community Involvement

- Reno Philharmonic Association, Inc., Board Member (2016-2022)
- PBS Reno, Board Member, Board Chair (2019)
- Prupas Medical Student Scholarship Endowment, Founder and Contributor

Previous Professional Experience

- Morris Pickering Peterson, Associate
- Second Judicial District Court, Washoe County, Nevada, Law Clerk to The Hon. Janet J. Berry
- First Judicial District Court, Carson City, Nevada, Law Extern to The Hon. Michael Griffin

Bar Admissions

- California
- Nevada

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of California
- Supreme Court of Nevada
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court, District of Nevada
- United States District Court, Eastern District of California