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OVERVIEW

Jacquelyn (“Jackie”) Celender is a partner in the firm’s Pittsburgh office, who concentrates her practice on complex commercial litigation, international arbitration, and class action defense. Jackie has significant experience managing sophisticated litigations and arbitrations, leading extensive fact investigations, drafting complex written submissions, and handling challenging e-Discovery matters. Jackie has extensive first and second-chair trial experience and has tried several international and U.S.-based commercial arbitrations to conclusion. Jackie also advises clients on external risk management and resolving disputes through negotiated settlements, mediations, arbitrations or trials.

Jackie’s complex commercial litigation experience extends to the areas of international arbitration and class action defense, including commercial contract, warranty, indemnification, product liability, and personal injury disputes in a number of state and federal courts. Her clients are in a variety of industries and sectors, with a particular focus on metals manufacturing and fabrication, specialty chemical, oil and gas and energy.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Chosen as a 2019 Legal500 “Rising Star” in general commercial disputes.
- Chosen as a Pennsylvania *Super Lawyers* Magazine “Rising Star” for the years 2016-2020.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Chair, K&L Gates Pittsburgh Diversity Committee; Member, K&L Gates Firmwide Diversity Committee
- K&L Gates Pittsburgh Associates Committee (2015-2016)
- Pittsburgh City Lead (Co-Chair), Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Success in Law School Mentoring Program (2013-2015)
- Allegheny County Bar Association

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Pre-Litigation Demand Letters and Maximizing Indemnification Rights,” August 2020 (Pittsburgh, PA)
- “Best Practices for E-mail and Other Electronic Communications,” August 2020 (Pittsburgh, PA)
- “E-mail Best Practices,” November 2018 (Pittsburgh, PA)
- “Three Things Inside Counsel Should Know About Insurance: Avoiding Traps and Seizing Opportunities in Several Common Situations,” June 27, 2018 (Pittsburgh, PA)
- “Transferring and Mitigating Risk Through Additional Insured Coverage,” April 17, 2017 and May 30, 2017 (Pittsburgh, PA)
- “Drones (and Risk) are in the Air: Compliance, Insurance & Privacy Issues,” RIMS Pittsburgh Chapter Session, November 15, 2016 (Pittsburgh, PA)
- “Insurance Coverage for Cyber Risks – A Programmatic Perspective,” Cracking the Code: Cybersecurity for Tomorrow, co-hosted by K&L Gates and Carnegie Mellon University, November 10, 2016 (Pittsburgh, PA)
- “A Dangerous World: Insurance Coverage and Cybersecurity,” New Horizons for Unmanned Aircraft: Innovation in the Evergreen State, co-hosted by K&L Gates LLP and the Washington State Department of Commerce, September 19, 2016 (Seattle, WA)
- “A Dangerous World: Insurance Coverage and Cybersecurity,” Reaching New Heights: An Overview of the Unmanned Aircraft Atmosphere for 2016, co-hosted by K&L Gates and Consumer Technology Association, June 3, 2016 (Pittsburgh, PA)
- “Cyber Liability – Hot Topic: Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Insurance Implications,” RIMS Pittsburgh Chapter Session, April 5, 2016 (Pittsburgh, PA)
- “Modular Construction: Insurance Challenges,” EPC Contracting Issues in the Oil & Gas Industry Seminar, co-hosted by K&L Gates and Marsh, November 2, 2015 (Houston, TX).
- “Wrestling With Retroactive Reinsurance,” Insurance Coverage Training Series (K&L Gates), March 19, 2015 (Pittsburgh, PA).
- “Insurance Coverage for Construction Risks,” Insurance Coverage Training Series (K&L Gates), January 8, 2014 (Pittsburgh, PA).
- “Cyber Risk and Insurance,” Insurance Coverage Training Series (K&L Gates), September 5, 2012 (Pittsburgh, PA).

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2011 (*magna cum laude*; *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*, *Research Editor*; *Order of the Coif*)
- B.A., University of Delaware, 2008 (*cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 15 September 2020, Litigation Minute: Drafting Pre-litigation Demand Letters (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 25 March 2020, COVID-19: There's No Place Like Home: What GCs Need You to Remember While Working Remotely (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 8 August 2018, Drones (and Insurable Risk) are in the Real Estate Air (*Alerts/Updates*)
- July 2018, GC University - Session Three - Commercial Contracting and Insurance Coverage (*Webinar*)
- 13 July 2017, Who Will Be Handling Your Claims Under Berkshire Hathaway's Latest Retroactive Reinsurance Deals? (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 10 November 2016, Common Contractual Battlegrounds: Four Significant, But Often Overlooked, Provisions in Domestic Commercial Contracts (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 2 November 2015, EPC Contracting Issues in the Oil & Gas Industry (*Presentations*)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Rebutting the "Agency" Defense to Tortious Interference Claims, *Insurance Coverage Litigation*, Spring 2015, Vol. 25, No. 2, 11 August 2015
- Rebutting the "Agency" Defense to Tortious Interference Claims against National Indemnity Company and Resolute Management, paper submitted for ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee Seminar, February 2015

NEWS & EVENTS

- 6 June 2019, K&L Gates Earns Practice and Lawyer Recognitions in 2019 *Legal 500 United States Guide* (*Press Release*)
- 21 February 2019, K&L Gates Names 24 New Partners Across Four Continents (*Press Release*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes
- Class Action Litigation Defense
- Construction and Infrastructure
- Insurance Recovery and Counseling
- International Arbitration

INDUSTRIES

- Aerospace
- Manufacturing

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represent major aerospace materials supplier in three interrelated but unconsolidated ICC arbitrations (seated in London, Paris and Geneva) related to the supply of alleged defective products.
- Represent a major chemical company in connection with the defense of civil liability and damage claims, including the defense in federal court of a putative class action and a state-court MDL proceeding.
- Represent major aerospace materials supplier in international arbitration in defense of breach of contract claims regarding pricing.
- Represent a major aluminum company in an ICC arbitration brought by a Dutch mining company over claims related to the development of a bauxite mine in Suriname
- Represent engineered metals manufacturer and aluminum manufacturer in commercial contract, product liability and personal injury cases in a variety of U.S. jurisdictions and in domestic and international disputes.
- Represent energy services company in products liability lawsuit arising out of allegedly defective product.
- Representation of medical center in real estate dispute.
- Represent forging company in a multi-jurisdiction breach of contract and warranty dispute with customer.
- Represented U.S. policyholder in "Bermuda Form" arbitration seated in London seeking coverage for a class action settlement.
- Represent policyholder in tortious interference case against the Berkshire Hathaway entities, National Indemnity Company and Resolute Management, Inc., as well as in related arbitrations against Underwriters at Lloyd's and AIG Insurers.