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Education

- George Washington University School of Law (J.D., 2013)
- University of Michigan (B.A., 2009)

Awards

- *Best Lawyers* Ones to Watch 2021-2024
- *San Diego Super Lawyers Rising Stars* 2024

Publication

- "Smoke and Mirrors: Primarily Geographically Deceptively Misdescriptive Marks and the TTAB's Erroneous Reliance on the Heightened Goods-Place Association," 22 Fed.Circ. B.J. 177 (2013)

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CAITLIN M. JONES, ESQ. *Shareholder*

Caitlin M. Jones is a trial attorney focusing on professional liability, ethics, and business litigation. She has tried more than a dozen jury trials and over thirty bench trials to verdict. Caitlin has an extensive professional liability practice representing lawyers, insurance brokers, and other professionals against claims of malpractice, ethical violations, and breaches of fiduciary duty. Caitlin also assists attorney clients with the preparation and defense of Bar complaints and other disciplinary matters. For business clients, Caitlin is adept at resolving a wide array of issues through every stage of litigation. Caitlin has represented corporate clients in such diverse matters as trade secrets litigation, breach of contract, fraud, partnership disputes, counterfeit and trademark infringement, injury to business reputation, and more. For each client, Caitlin builds a unique strategy and litigation plan designed to resolve the case in alignment with the client's goals. Caitlin is a member of the San Diego County Bar Association Legal Ethics Committee and regularly speaks on issues of ethics and professional responsibility.

Caitlin obtained her *Juris Doctor* degree from George Washington University Law School. While in law school, Caitlin won the pro bono service award and served as an intern and law clerk at both the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia and the Department of Justice. At GWU Law School, Caitlin was the first recipient of the Howard J. Rudge Creative Solutions Prize for her paper proposing a nationwide apprenticeship program coupled with targeted tax incentives as a solution to high unemployment rates and the concurrent strain on federal entitlement programs.

Upon graduating, Caitlin gained substantial trial experience as an Assistant State Attorney in Miami, Florida. As a Miami-Dade ASA, Caitlin worked in the County Court and Juvenile divisions, handling a large case load of misdemeanor and felony criminal cases. Prior to joining Pettit Kohn, Caitlin worked as an associate at a boutique litigation firm in Miami specializing in complex business litigation.

Practice Areas

- Business Litigation
- Professional Liability
- Trial & Civil Litigation

Affiliations

- American Inns of Court, J. Clifford Wallace Chapter
- Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers
- Military Spouse JD Network
- San Diego County Bar Association
- SDCBA Legal Ethics Committee
- State Bar of California

Speaking Engagements

- Ahern Insurance Brokerage Open House MCLE Program, "Ethical Implications of Use of AI in Legal Practice" (2023)
- Association of Corporate Counsel MCLE Program, "Balancing Ethics and Innovation: Exploring the Role of AI in the Landscape of Legal Practice" (2023)
- Association of Corporate Counsel MCLE Program, "When Great Minds Don't Think Alike: Avoiding Conflicts of Interest When Corporate Constituents Disagree" (2022)
- Association of Corporate Counsel All Day MCLE La-Law-Palooza, "Ethics for In-House Counsel: The Rules of Professional Conduct DO Apply" (2021)