



Jesse Taylor

Litigation

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Profile Introduction

Jesse is a trial lawyer who maintains a general litigation practice. Jesse represents corporations and individuals in complex civil litigation matters, including breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, trademark and copyright infringement, and non-compete litigation. Jesse is a fierce advocate for his clients, aiming to secure a favorable resolution as efficiently as possible while minimizing the risks and costs of litigation.

Jesse received his J.D. and M.A. from the University of Michigan Law School after completing a dual degree program. Following graduation, Jesse clerked for the Honorable Stephen J. Dwyer at the Washington Court of Appeals in Seattle.

Representative Cases/Matters

Successfully defended the City of Seattle from an appeal dismissing the City from a defamation lawsuit brought by two police officers based on statements made by a City Council Member. *Miller v. Sawant*, 2020 WL 1987073 (9th Cir. April 27, 2020).

Successfully moved to dismiss a defamation complaint, under Oregon's anti-SLAPP statute, brought against an Oregon newspaper and several other media defendants.

Represented a foreign corporation at trial against a Washington manufacturer in a breach of warranty action in which the contract expressly limited the customer's remedy to repair or replacement of defective parts. Jesse overcame a motion for summary judgment and prevailed in a jury trial after the jury found that the limited repair or replace remedy had failed of its essential purpose.



Successfully defended a homeowner's association and its individual board members against claims for discrimination, defamation, civil conspiracy, and violations of the Washington Homeowners' Association Act. Jesse prevailed on a motion for summary judgment and all claims were dismissed with prejudice.

Successfully defended an organization that matches medical school graduates with hospitals for residencies and fellowships against claims for antitrust violations and civil conspiracy. Jesse prevailed on a motion to dismiss all claims against his client.

Memberships

- King County Bar Association
- WSBA – LGBT Law Section – Young Lawyer Liaison

Community Service

Volunteer attorney, QLaw Association of Washington

Education

- University of Michigan Law School (J.D., 2016)
- University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School (M.A., Japanese Studies, 2016)
- University of Idaho (B.A., political science, 2011)

Bar Admissions

- Washington State
- United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth District

Clerkships

- Law clerk for the Honorable Stephen J. Dwyer, Washington State Court of Appeals, Division I (2016-2018)