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“With a personal background working in management and non-management positions outside of the legal profession, I bring a unique perspective to the work I do on behalf of clients, adding a deeper understanding to the realities of day-to-day management and operations.”

Jess Osborne represents public, private, and nonprofit employers in a variety of employment and labor relations matters. She guides employers through a myriad of issues, including compliance with employment law statutes, challenges with organizational change, organized workforce questions, and conducting workplace investigations. Jess also represents clients in employment litigation matters related to wrongful discharge, wage and hour, and other related areas.

In her labor relations practice, Jess assists clients with contract negotiations and administration and negotiating collective bargaining agreements. She also represents employers in labor arbitrations and before the National Labor Relations Board.

Before joining Miller Nash, Jess practiced at a boutique employment and labor firm after working as a litigator with national law firms where she represented clients in a variety of areas, including legal ethics and risk management, mass torts, complex commercial, and employment law. Jess is an active volunteer with many community and industry organizations, with a specific dedication to supporting the LGBTQIA+ communities.

Professional Activities

- OGALLA—Oregon’s LGBTQIA+ Bar Association, Member, 2012-present
 - Bill and Ann Shepard Scholarship Committee, 2014-present
 - Board of Directors, 2012-2019
- Owen M. Panner Inn of Courts, Member, 2018-present
 - Executive Committee, 2022-present
- Multnomah County Bar Association, Member
 - Diversity Scholarship Subcommittee, 2013-2015
- Oregon State Bar, Member
 - Labor and Employment Section, Executive Committee, 2024-present

Education

J.D., Willamette University
College of Law, *cum laude*,
2012

B.A., University of
Wisconsin-Milwaukee,
2007

Bar Admissions

Oregon, 2012

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, District
of Oregon

U.S. Court of Appeals for
the Ninth Circuit

Civic Activities

- Portland Gay Men's Chorus, Board of Directors, 2023-present
- Campaign for Equal Justice, Associate Committee, Member, 2018-present

Presentations

- "Employment Investigations 101," Coalition of Oregon School Administrators (COSA), Annual School Law Conference (Dec. 2023)
- "Understanding the Relationship Between the New NLRB and Private Sector Employers," Lake Washington Human Resource Association, Legal Update Seminar (Nov. 2023)
- "Rolling Forward, Rolling Back: Employment Updates from the Courts & Beyond," Lower Columbia HR Management Association (Nov. 2023)
- "The Newlywed Game: Employers and the National Labor Relations Board," Miller Nash, Employment Law Seminar (Oct. 2023)
- "Employment Law Update," Public Risk Management Association, PRIMA Institute (Oct. 2023)
- "Harassment and Discrimination in a Remote World," Lower Columbia Human Resources Management Association (May 2020)

Recognition & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*® (Portland, OR)
 - Labor and Employment Law—Management, 2021-present
 - Litigation—Labor and Employment, 2021-present