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Jaime is widely regarded for her demonstrated ability to guide clients through even the most complex disputes. With a deep understanding of her clients' risks, resources, and strategy, Jaime works to achieve the right results while prioritizing efficiency.

OVERVIEW

Jaime serves as Troutman Pepper Locke's general counsel.

She represents clients in civil litigation, including class actions, in federal and state courts at the trial and appellate levels. Clients appreciate her proven track record, as well as her organized and pragmatic approach to complex litigation.

Further, clients rely on Jaime to represent them in litigation involving contract disputes, business torts, professional liability, ERISA, and insurance. Jaime also defends law firms and attorneys in legal malpractice actions, fee disputes, and bar disciplinary proceedings. Her experience as the firm's general counsel gives her a firsthand perspective on how law firms are structured and the various challenges they encounter.

Jaime is a fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, an invitation-only honorary society that represents less than one-half of one percent of American attorneys.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Representing law firms and attorneys in defending litigation, involving claims for professional negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, and negligent retention.
- Counseling law firms and attorneys with respect to ethical obligations, policies and practices, conflicts of interest, bar admission, and claims prevention.
- Represented a major health insurance company in a range of litigation matters, including ERISA claims for benefits and provider payment disputes.
- Defending various agencies in the state of Georgia as a special assistant attorney general (SAAG) in civil rights litigation, involving constitutional and federal statutory claims.

AWARDS

- Atlanta Lawyer of the Year, Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants, *Best Lawyers in America*® (2020)
- *Benchmark Litigation*: “Local Litigation Star” in Georgia (2021, 2023-2025)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®: “Lawyer of the Year” Atlanta, Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants (2020) and Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants (2019)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®: Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants (2019-2026) and Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants (2019-2026)
- Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
- Rising Star, Business Litigation, *Law & Politics and Atlanta Magazine* (2005-2007, 2009-2016)
- Named to Ranking of Top Women Attorneys in Georgia (2013)
- Recognized in *Benchmark Litigation*’s Under 40 Hot List (2016)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- Government + Regulatory Litigation

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- Government + Regulatory Litigation
- Litigation + Trial

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, Board Member (2017-2023)
- Gift of Adoption, Georgia Chapter, Board Member (2022-2023)
- Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Emerging Leaders (2014-2020)
- Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Camp CEO (2016)
- Corporate Legal Diversity Pipeline Program, Street Law Inc. (2015)
- Atlanta Bar Association, CLE Board of Trustees (2010-2014)
- Bleckley Inn of Court, Georgia State University College of Law, Barrister (2006-2008), Master (2014-2022)
- Lumpkin Inn of Court, University of Georgia School of Law, Barrister (2004-2006)
- Hands On Atlanta, Service Juris Project, Steering Committee (2004-2011)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Georgia State University College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2001, editor-in-chief, *Georgia State University Law Review*, 2000-2001
- Georgia State University, M.P.A., 2001
- Georgia State University, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1998

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Georgia

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia
- Georgia State Courts

CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Richard W. Story, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia, 2001-2002

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Various presentations on ethics, professionalism, and the attorney-client privilege.
- Panelist/speaker, "Practical and Legal Issues With Community Treatment for Persons With Mental Illness," National Association of Attorneys General, Winter Meeting, 2014.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "When the Sweet Turns Sour: Investigations, Litigation, and New SEC Disclosure Rules Are on the Menu for Companies That Backdated Stock Options," DRI Commercial Litigation Committee, The Business Suit, September 2006.
- Co-author, "The United States Supreme Court Sounds the Death Knell for Class Action Suits Asserting Securities Holder Claims Under State Law," DRI Commercial Litigation Committee, The Business Suit, May 2006.
- Co-author, "The Standards for Proving Director Independence in the Contexts of Litigation and Board Composition and the Practical Implications of Independence," Ninth Annual Business Organization Litigation Seminar, November 2005.
- Author, "Qui Tam Can, Qui Tam Can't: An Analysis of *Vermont Agency of Natural Resources v. United States ex rel. Stevens*," 17 *Ga. St. U. L. Rev.* 1119 (2001).
- Author, "Community Greenspace Preservation," 17 *Ga. St. U. L. Rev.* 239 (2000).