Jillian L. McNeil

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Jillian L. McNeil has extensive experience representing clients in all phases of litigation, trials, arbitrations and appeals. She focuses her practice on complex commercial cases before federal and state courts, including matters involving contract disputes, misappropriation of trade secrets and proprietary information, tortious interference with contractual relations, unfair trade practices, abuse of process, malicious prosecution, and defamation. Jillian has also represented both plaintiffs and defendants in lawsuits alleging harassment and retaliation, civil rights violations, and claims under the False Claims Act, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act, Trafficking Victims Protection Act, and Dodd Frank Act.

Prior to joining Jaspan Schlesinger Narendran LLP, Jillian was an attorney at a boutique litigation firm located in Manhattan. While attending the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, she was a student editor of the *Cardozo Public Law, Policy & Ethics Journal*, and participated in Cardozo's Advanced Housing Rights Litigation Clinic, representing and advocating for New York City tenants in housing court.

Education

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

University of California, Los Angeles, CA

Recent Experience

Represented real estate development company in a civil RICO conspiracy action in federal district court and the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, obtaining and defending a verdict for treble damages and attorney's fees in favor of client. (Hemmerdinger Corp. v. Ruocco, 711 Fed. Appx. 659 (2d Cir. 2017)).

Defended multinational company and principal in a case before a federal district court and in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals seeking nearly $1 billion in damages. Successfully obtained summary judgment resulting in a dismissal of claims alleging multiple breaches of fiduciary duty and related intentional torts. (Trikona Advisers, Ltd. v. Chugh, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 73391 (D. Conn. 2015)).

Successfully prosecuted defamation and malicious prosecution claims through trial in New York County Supreme Court, obtaining verdict for clients who had been arrested as the result of defendant's false reports to the police.

Represented individual accused of sexual harassment and assault in the press in tortious interference and defamation action, resulting in favorable settlement for client.

Represented plaintiff in high-profile sexual harassment action, obtaining favorable settlement for client through mediation.

Successfully defended environmental testing company in federal false claims action, obtaining complete dismissal of all claims.

Admissions

New York

U.S.D.C., Eastern District of New York

U.S.D.C., Southern District of New York

U.S. Court of Appeals, 2d Cir.

Affiliations & Appointments

New York State Bar Association, Member

Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, Member

Federal Bar Council, Member

News & Publications

New York State Now Requires All Health Care Workers to Receive a COVID-19 Booster Shot, Labor & Employment blog, Jan. 2022

Crossing the Line-When Employees' Political Expressions Become Unlawful (Jan. 29, 2021)

"Litigating While Expecting (Part II): The Return," Above the Law, (Feb. 22, 2019)

"Litigating While Expecting," Above the Law, (July 6, 2018)

"In Defense of Paper," *Above the Law*, (June 15, 2018)

"Don't Judge Your Adversary by His Cover," *Above the Law*, (May 25, 2018)

"Think Long-Term When Hiring Law Students," *Above the Law*, (April 27, 2018)

"Take the Extra Step to Help Your Clients," *Above the Law*, (Dec. 8, 2017)

"Create a Workspace That Is Not Only Practical, But Enjoyable," *Above the Law*, September 29, 2017

*"Story Matters. Don't Lose the Narrative in the Detail*s," *Above the Law*, July 14, 2017

"Courts Are Local by Nature: Prepare Yourself for Each Court's Differing Practices and Culture," *Above the Law*, (May 5, 2017)

"Work with Other Professionals You Trust to Better Serve Your Clients," *Above the Law*, (Jan. 13, 2017)

"When the Court Asks a Question, Answer It," *Above the Law*, (Sept. 2, 2016)

"A Law Firm Should Hire Apprentices, Not Interns," *Above the Law*, July 8, 2016

"Even When on Trial, the Preparation Is Not Over," *Above the Law*, (April 1, 2016)

Speaking Engagements

NYSBA CLE: Starting a Solo Practice in New York, "How to Build a Sophisticated Litigation Practice Outside the Big Firm," Presenter, May 19, 2017