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Overview

Billie Jo M. Risheim counsels and represents employers in labor and employment law matters. Billie Jo assists businesses of all different sizes in navigating workplace issues such as discrimination, retaliation, and harassment claims, wage and hour class actions, workplace violence protective proceedings, and executive compensation. Billie Jo also has the experience of assisting businesses to defend against Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) claims. Outside of litigation, Billie Jo is skilled in assisting clients with several different varieties of employment contracting, including separation, unfair competition and proprietary rights, executive compensation, tax equalization, and merger agreements. Further, Billie Jo has extensive experience assisting businesses with reductions in force, with knowledge of both the federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN) and state analogs, and the Older Workers Benefit Protection Act (OWBPA).

Before joining Littler, she clerked and externed for Justice Bronson D. James of the Oregon Supreme Court.

Billie Jo has an Intellectual Property Certification from the University of Oregon Law School. She was an executive editor of the *Oregon Law Review*, and recipient of the Oregon Law Review Maxine Lee Award for Editorial Excellence. Billie Jo's background in biochemistry affords her a distinctive ability in understanding businesses' technical and scientific offerings, aiding her capability to counsel and represent those businesses in labor and employment matters.

Recognition

- Provost's Student Innovation Fellow, *University of Oregon School of Law*
- Recipient, Oregon Law Review Maxine Lee Award for Editorial Excellence, *University of Oregon School of Law*, 2020-2021

Education

J.D., University of Oregon School of Law

B.S., Washington State University

Bar Admissions

Colorado

Publications & Press

New Colorado Employment Laws Enacted, Other Statutes Modified

SHRM Online

July 10, 2024

Forthcoming Additions and Modifications to Employment Laws in Colorado

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July 2, 2024

Fourth Circuit Establishes New Standards for Plaintiffs Seeking Unjust Enrichment as an Equitable Remedy under ERISA

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October 5, 2023