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Focus Areas

Discrimination and Harassment
Leaves of Absence and Disability Accommodation
Policies, Procedures and Handbooks
Wage and Hour
Litigation and Trials

Overview

Jessica L. Craft is a dedicated and experienced attorney concentrating in management-side employment litigation and civil defense. With a robust background in defending employers against claims of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation, Jes also has a proven track record of success in collective actions under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). Her strategic approach and understanding of employment law make her a valuable asset to her clients.

Jes excels in providing comprehensive counseling and advice to companies on a wide range of employment-related issues. She assists employers in developing and implementing effective policies and procedures, handling accommodation requests, and conducting training sessions to ensure compliance with federal and state laws. Jes particularly enjoys advising on the complexities of the PUMP Act and the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA), helping employers navigate these regulations with confidence.

Jes actively practices in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas, representing clients in state and federal courts as well as before administrative agencies. Her extensive courtroom experience and commitment to her clients' success have earned her recognition and respect in the legal community.

Selected Matters

- Second chaired a trial for a nationwide medical supply company, achieving a directed verdict in the company's favor after a multi-day trial in state court
- Secured summary judgment on a wage and hour overtime claim for a major regional entity in the oil and gas industry
- Obtained full summary judgment in a case involving the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for an HVAC manufacturer

Professional and Community Affiliations

- Member, Texas Young Lawyers Association , 2019-present
- Member, Houston Young Lawyers Association , 2019-present
- Member, Professionalism Committee, Texas Bar Association, 2019-2021
- Fellow, Oklahoma Bar Foundation
- Member, Group Insurance Committee (2014 – 2016) and Professional Responsibility Committee (2015 – 2017), Oklahoma Bar Association
- Area Recruitment Information Chair, Chi Omega
- Volunteer, Houston, The Woodlands and Oklahoma City, Junior League

Recognition

- Named, Ones to Watch, *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2023-2025
- Named, Rising Star, Texas, *Super Lawyers*, 2019-2023
- Named, Rising Star, Oklahoma, *Super Lawyers*, 2017
- Finalist, Professionals of the Year Award, Young Outside Counsel, *CLM*, 2021
- Named, NextGen 30 Under 30
- Recipient, University of Oklahoma College of Law Professional Responsibility Award
- Named, Outstanding Note or Article Editor, University of Oklahoma College of Law, *American Indian Law Review*, 2011-2012
- Named, Order of the Solicitors, *University of Oklahoma College of Law*
- Named, Oklahoma Merit Scholar and May M. Walker Scholar, *University of Oklahoma College of Law*
- Finalist, Outstanding Woman, *University of South Carolina*, 2009

Education

J.D., University of Oklahoma College of Law, 2012

B.A., University of South Carolina, 2009, *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

Texas
Oklahoma
Minnesota
Arkansas

Courts

U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Oklahoma
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Oklahoma
U.S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas
U.S. District Court, Western District of Arkansas

Publications & Press

Breaking Down EEOC's Final Rule To Implement The PWFA

Law360

April 24, 2024

EEOC Releases Expansive Final Regulations to Implement the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

Littler Insight

April 17, 2024

EEOC Releases Expansive Proposed Regulations to Implement the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

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August 9, 2023

DOL Issues Guidance on the PUMP Act and Updates the Minimum Wage Poster

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May 22, 2023

Congress Expands Protections for Pregnant Employees and Employees Who Are Nursing

Littler ASAP

December 28, 2022

Speaking Engagements

2024 Houston Regional Employer Conference

Houston, TX

September 26, 2024

EEOC Pregnant Workers Fairness Act Final Rule: Expansive Regulations, New Framework for Workplace Accommodation

Strafford

July 24, 2024

2023 Houston Regional Employer Conference

Houston, TX

October 18, 2023

The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act and The PUMP Act - What Employers Need to Know When Employees Are Expecting

June 6, 2023

Pregnancy and Lactation in the Workplace: An Update on Laws Affecting Pregnant Workers

March 30, 2023

2022 Houston Regional Employer Conference

Houston, TX

October 6, 2022

Panel Speaker, You're Fired! The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly of Employment Terminations

CLM Southwest Conference

2016

The Defining Decade: A Message for Twenty-Somethings

Chi Omega Fraternity Training

November 2015

Panel Speaker, Conflict Resolution in the Workplace

Central Oklahoma Association of Legal Assistants' Fall Seminar

2015

Moderator, No Sweat Corporate Rep Depo Prep

CLM Panel Discussion, CLM Oklahoma