

# Jessica M. Pearigen

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Jessica M. Pearigen is an associate attorney in the Orange County office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. She is a member of the firm's Litigation Department.

Jessica's practice focuses on class actions and other complex civil litigation at both the trial and appellate levels. She has experience in a wide variety of matters including employment litigation and counseling, consumer litigation, environmental litigation and counseling, and products liability litigation. She has drafted merits and amicus briefs in many state courts, federal district courts throughout the country, multiple federal appeals courts, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Jessica also maintains an active pro bono practice, including securing from the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit a new jury trial on a grandmother's excessive force claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, and obtaining a remand from the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit for further hearing in a Honduran refugee's immigration case.

Jessica joined the firm after serving as a law clerk to the Honorable Rhesa H. Barksdale of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Jessica earned her law degree *cum laude* in 2017 from Duke University School of Law, where she was as Editor in Chief of *Law & Contemporary Problems*. While in law school, she also served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Nita L. Stormes of the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of California. She also served as a Teaching Assistant for Distinctive Aspects of U.S. Law, and as a Research Assistant to Professor Ernest Young. Jessica earned her bachelor's degree *magna cum laude* in Philosophy, Politics & Law, and Spanish from the University of Southern California.

Jessica is a member of the California bar and is admitted to practice before the Northern, Eastern, and Central Districts of California, as well as the Fifth Circuit.

### Capabilities

Litigation  
Appellate and Constitutional Law  
Class Actions  
Environmental Litigation and Mass Tort  
Labor and Employment

### Credentials

#### Education

Duke University - 2017 Juris Doctor  
University of Southern California - 2014  
Bachelor of Arts

#### Admissions

California Bar

#### Clerkships

US Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit, Hon.  
Rhesa H. Barksdale, 2017 - 2018