

JILLIAN BARRON

Jillian Barron is a shareholder with SEBRIS BUSTO JAMES. She assists employers in developing effective, legally compliant employment policies and resolving emergent problems. She has successfully represented clients in trial and appellate courts, arbitrations, mediations, and administrative agency proceedings. Jillian also conducts workplace investigations for public and private employers, and serves as a mediator and arbitrator. She is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, is rated AV by Martindale Hubbell, and has been named a “Super Lawyer” by *Washington Law & Politics* magazine. Jillian also has received Avvo’s highest rating for attorneys.

PRACTICE FOCUS

- Counseling on Employment Policies and Practices
- Discipline and Discharge Issues
- Wage and Hour Matters
- Employment, Severance, and Non-Competition Agreements
- Disability Accommodation
- Discrimination and Harassment Charges
- Employment-Related Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Employer Representation in Labor Arbitrations
- Neutral Workplace Investigations
- Mediation of Workplace and Employment-Related Disputes

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Jillian has served as the Secretary and the President of the Washington Defense Trial Lawyers, a member of its Board of Trustees, and Chair of its Employment Law Section. She is a past member of the Executive Committee of WSBA’s Labor and Employment Law Section. She serves as a mediator for community-based dispute resolution centers and the Seattle Federal Executive Board, and as a volunteer attorney at one of the King County Bar Association’s neighborhood legal clinics. She serves as an arbitrator for Superior Court cases subject to mandatory arbitration.

EDUCATIONAL & WORK BACKGROUND

Jillian attended Reed College and received a B.A. in Fine Arts from Alfred University. She received her J.D. in 1988 from Columbia University School of Law, where she was a Kent Scholar, a Stone Scholar, Head Articles Editor of the *Journal of Transnational Law*, and was awarded the Milton B. Conford prize for Jurisprudence. In 1988, Jillian also received a Masters Degree in International Affairs from the Columbia School of International and Public Affairs.

Prior to joining SEBRIS BUSTO JAMES, Jillian was an associate at the Preston Thorgrimson firm for several years, then served as a career law clerk for Judge Eldon B. Mahon of the U.S. District Court in Fort Worth, Texas. Before attending law school, Jillian was a chef in several well-respected restaurants.

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