



**Jared F. Kiess**

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Jared Kiess focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation matters. Prior to joining Bullivant, Jared worked as an associate at an insurance coverage firm in Seattle. During his time there, he specialized in defending insurers in first- and third-party disputes involving allegations of bad faith and other extra-contractual claims. Jared's efforts led to favorable settlement or dismissal in a number of litigated cases, including the settlement of a \$1 million bad faith lawsuit on the eve of trial for only a fraction of plaintiff's attorney fees. Jared also developed an expertise in appellate matters, representing both insurance and non-insurance clients in appeals before the Washington court of appeals and other state appellate courts.

Before entering private practice, Jared served for three years as a trial-level judicial law clerk in his home state of Montana. In those three years, he obtained a wide range of experience in all types of cases, including everything from criminal law and family law to commercial transactions, securities fraud, and environmental law. Jared drafted hundreds of opinions and orders, many of which were affirmed on review by the state's high court.

**Practice Areas**

Commercial Litigation  
Personal & Catastrophic Injury Litigation  
Insurance Law  
Appellate

**Education**

George Mason University School of Law - J.D., *cum laude*, 2014  
University of Montana - B.A., Political Science / Economics, *high honors*, 2010

**Bar Admissions**

- Washington, 2019
- Montana, 2015

**Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington, 2019
- U.S. District Court, District of Montana, 2020
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 2020
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington, 2019



**Outside Interests**

In his spare time, Jared enjoys playing guitar, exploring the outdoors, and running.