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Jennie counsels public and privately held companies and individuals on civil and criminal matters, with a focus on civil litigation and white collar criminal defense. She practices in federal and state courts and before administrative and regulatory bodies.

Prior to her legal career, she worked closely with numerous Fortune 500 companies to integrate cutting edge communication and internet solutions into their business models. In today's e-world, her professional background has combined with her legal practice to make Jennie a uniquely experienced and valuable practitioner in the field of e-discovery in both civil litigation and white collar criminal defense.

In her civil practice, she represents large public corporations, closely held businesses, partnerships, joint ventures, medical practices, manufacturers, and governmental entities. This representation includes contract and commercial issues, shareholder/member disputes, embezzlement and conversion investigations and claims, commercial landlord/tenant fights, and a variety of federal, state and local tax disputes, board of revision and tax appeal work, and significant collection matters.

In Jennie's criminal defense practice, she represents, counsels, and defends institutions, corporations and individuals in a variety of matters. These include defending against criminal investigations at the federal, state and local levels, grand jury responses, False Claims Act defense, medical fraud, and tax fraud investigations.

Services

- Litigation
- False Claims Act
- White Collar Crime

Education

- The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (J.D., 2006)
 - Clinic Director's Award
 - Public Service Fellow with the Dean's Special Recognition
 - CALI Award for Excellence

- Past Editor's Award for Outstanding Staff Member
- Pro Bono Research Group (2004 - 2006)
- The Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution, Editorial Board and managing editor
- Ohio University (B.S.B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1998)
 - Marketing and Finance

Bar Admissions

- Ohio

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

Affiliations/Memberships

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Columbus Bar Association
- James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute, volunteer
- Children's Hunger Alliance, Programs Committee

Distinctions

- Ohio *Super Lawyers*®
- Ohio *Rising Stars*®

Experience

Defended an Equipment Supplier Against Anti-trust Allegations

We represented a national equipment supplier suspected of anti-trust violations. The government's anti-trust division believed the company was colluding with competitors to pre-determine bids for certain opportunities. We conducted a three year investigation, interviewing more than 60 sales personnel across the country and reviewing thousands of emails. Ultimately, our report to the Department of Justice resulted in the end of the investigation.

Dismissal of Federal Criminal Tax Indictment

We represented the owner of a Columbus-based home health agency who, along with others, was the subject of a federal criminal indictment alleging 43 counts of federal tax violations. The case was scheduled for a two week trial, but was dismissed with prejudice by the Government two weeks prior to trial. The investigation and prosecution were conducted by the United States Attorney's Office and the Internal Revenue Service.

Publications

July 10, 2019; Fall 2019

Two Bites at the Same Apple—Supreme Court Rules Defendants Can Be Prosecuted by Federal and State Governments for the Same Crime

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