

MaryJane Dobbs

Principal

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Having a diverse practice makes MaryJane Dobbs a better attorney. Many clients have questions and issues that transverse a variety of areas of law and need a professional who understands the complexities of today's multi-faceted legal spectrum.

MaryJane focuses her practice in three major areas: personal injury defense, employment litigation and counseling and family law. She also handles general commercial litigation matters.

MaryJane started practicing law at a large firm that emphasized the development of litigation skills and advocacy that transgress all areas of law. Through the years, MaryJane honed her litigation skills by representing common carriers and other companies in their personal injury cases, commercial disputes, criminal cases and employment matters. Today, MaryJane handles all areas of employment issues for a variety of clients including employment agreements, wage and hour compliance, harassment training and severance matters.

In addition to her employment practice, MaryJane handles personal injury cases and commercial litigation for transportation companies and other entities. These matters range from multi-million dollar litigations involving an array of complicated evidential and legal issues, to less complex matters warranting speedy resolution. MaryJane has tremendous experience working with a panoply of experts and mediators. She prides herself in handling cases in a result oriented fashion with a client based focus.

Family law is a passion MaryJane developed long ago that arose from her representation of clients in commercial disputes. Understanding employment and financial issues that affect clients and families is vital to family law practitioners. Over the years, MaryJane focused her practice on custody and parenting time issues. Today, MaryJane handles all areas of family law from counseling through appeals.

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Business & Commercial
Litigation

Employment Strategic Advice
& Counseling

Executive Compensation &
Employee Benefits

Family Law

Insurance Coverage Disputes &
Bad Faith Claims

Insurance Litigation

Labor & Employment Law

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Labor Law

National Accounts and Loss
Sensitive Insurance Programs

Premises Liability and General
Litigation

Trade Secrets & Unfair
Competition

Transportation Negligence and
Counseling

Wage and Hour Law

EDUCATION

- Rutgers University School of Law - Newark, J.D., 1989

MaryJane is an active member of the Defense Research Institute (“DRI”) and served as the Chair of the DRI Trucking Committee for two terms. She was also the Program Chair of the 2012 DRI Trucking Law Seminar. Mary Jane is a member of the Board of Directors of TIDA (Trucking Industry Defense Association). She is also an ESP (Early Settlement Panel) panelist for the Morris County Family Division.

Awards & Accolades

- Selected to the list of the *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2015-2024
- Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America®, “Lawyer of the Year”, Litigation - Labor and Employment, 2021, 2024

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Experience

- Nineteen day child custody trial, with outcome favorable to client; direct and cross examination of 5 mental health experts
- Mediation and resolution of significant personal injury matters resulting in substantial contribution from third parties involving complex indemnification issues
- Represented corporate client and individual officers in New Jersey state court whistleblower jury trial; effective defense resulted in verdict lower than settlement demand
- Successfully resolved employment matters for corporate client filed by the New York State Division of Human Rights with minor settlement contributions
- Represented individual doctor in Federal Criminal trial requiring multiple briefs on various constitutional issues
- Drafted employment manuals for small and large corporate clients, as well as severance agreements and employment contracts

News & Alerts

Bressler Principal MJ Dobbs Reappointed to the Board of Directors for the Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA)
Firm News, 10.25.2023

- University of Dayton, B.A.,
magna cum laude, 1986

ADMISSIONS

New Jersey

State Courts of New Jersey

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

52 Bressler Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers in America 2024, Including 2 “Lawyer of the Year” and 16 “Ones to Watch”

Firm News, 08.17.2023

Professional Affiliations

- Member of the Board of Directors, Trucking Industry Defense Association
 - Treasurer, Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee
 - Women's Initiative
- Chair, DRI Trucking Law Committee
- Coordinator, Small Litigation Groups (SLGs), DRI Trucking Committee 2013-2014
- Program Chair, DRI Trucking Seminar, February 2012, Phoenix, Arizona
- Program Vice chair, DRI Trucking Seminar, April 2010, Las Vegas, Nevada