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## Marla N. Presley

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### Practices

Class Actions and Complex Litigation  
General Employment Litigation  
Wage and Hour

### Services

Disability Access Litigation and Compliance  
Managing Your Work Force and WARN Act Compliance

### Industries

Higher Education

### Education

Duquesne University  
School of Law  
J.D., 2003  
Louis Mandarino Honor Society

University of Mount Union  
B.A., 2000

### Admitted to Practice

- U.S. Supreme Court, 2019
- 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, 2008
- 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, 2018
- 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, 2019
- Pennsylvania - E.D. Pa.,

Marla N. Presley is the Office Managing Principal and the Litigation Manager for the Pittsburgh office Jackson Lewis P.C. Her practice focuses exclusively on the representation of employers in wage and hour disputes, class and collective actions, and claims of discrimination under Title VII, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act and various state tort theories. She also appears regularly before administrative judges and agencies.

Ms. Presley has successfully tried cases before juries and judges in state and federal courts and has prevailed in appeals before the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, the West Virginia Supreme Court, and numerous appellate courts in Pennsylvania.

Ms. Presley also provides ongoing legal support and counsel on a daily basis for a multitude of clients, including those in the retail, restaurant and service industries. This includes reviewing and revising employee policies, reviewing and counseling management on termination decisions, and performing complex human resource and wage audits. In addition, she is experienced in drafting various employment agreements including non-competes. Ms. Presley routinely provides training to managers and supervisors in all areas of employment law, including supervisory training, sexual harassment prevention, investigation and disciplinary procedures, and leave management.

A significant portion of Ms. Presley's practice is dedicated to the representation of institutions of higher education. In this role, she regularly provides advice and counsel on Title IX and Clery Act issues, student and faculty claims, constitutional and state statutory issues, and wage and hour matters. Ms. Presley frequently conducts third-party investigations and advises universities on Title IX compliance. She has developed Title IX/Sexual Violence policies and standard operating procedures and provides training to Responsible Persons, Investigators, and Hearing Panels.

During law school, Ms. Presley was the recipient of the Lynette Norton Award for excellence in trial advocacy.

### Honors and Recognitions

- Allegheny County Bar Association, Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year Award (2012)
- Allegheny County Bar Foundation, Young Lawyer Fellow
- The Legal Intelligencer, Lawyer on the Fast Track (2015)
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Young Fellow

- 2018
- Pennsylvania - M.D. Pa., 2015
- Pennsylvania - W.D. Pa., 2003
- West Virginia - N.D. W. Va., 2008
- West Virginia - S.D. W. Va., 2018
- Ohio, 2006
- Pennsylvania, 2003
- West Virginia, 2004

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## Professional Associations and Activities

- Allegheny County Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association

## Pro Bono and Community Involvement

- Children's Hospital of UPMC – Children's Trust member
- Wills for Heroes volunteer
- Founder of Project MVP honoring military