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Practices

General Employment
Litigation

Education

Whittier Law School
J.D., 2008
Dean's Merit Scholarship

University of California, Los
Angeles
B.A., 2005
Dean's Honors List
Provost's Honors List of
Scholars

Admitted to Practice

- 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, 2008
- California - C.D. Cal., 2008
- California, 2008

Languages

Filipino/Tagalog

Clarisse C. Petersen is a Principal in the Orange County, California, office of Jackson Lewis P.C. Ms. Petersen represents and counsels employers in all aspects of labor and employment matters, including wrongful termination, harassment, discrimination, retaliation, denial of family and medical leaves, and wage-and-hour violations.

Ms. Petersen is experienced with all stages of litigation, from case inception through trial or arbitration, and practices in both state and federal court. She has served as second chair in jury trials and, most recently, she obtained a unanimous defense verdict following a three-week jury trial in Ventura County Superior Court. Ms. Petersen has also successfully negotiated settlements on behalf of her clients at mediations and settlement conferences.

Ms. Petersen also serves as a local resource to enhance the firm's diversity and inclusion efforts and oversees the onboarding and training process of incoming lateral attorneys and new hires.

Prior to joining Jackson Lewis, Ms. Petersen was a litigation attorney at a national law firm where she defended and advised insurance companies in complex coverage disputes, tort claims, and bad-faith litigation. She also spent years litigating as a plaintiff's attorney, representing individual and corporate clients in a variety of civil matters, including labor and employment. Ms. Petersen's dual perspective on the risks of civil litigation provides her with a unique and valuable insight when developing case strategies for her clients.

While attending law school, Ms. Petersen was a recipient of the Dean's Merit Scholarship and earned CALI Excellence for the Future awards in Legal Writing; Legal Skills; Professional Skills; and Women, Law & Culture. In addition, she was a member of the school's Center for Children's Rights, focusing on disabilities rights and special education law and providing pro bono legal assistance to family and children in administrative and court-based matters. Ms. Petersen was also a member of the *Whittier Journal of Child and Family Advocacy*.