



Jill M. Gerdrum

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Jill Gerdrum is a civil litigator with a practice focused on product liability, transportation, premises liability, insurance defense, and employment law. Jill's product liability experience includes claims related to farm equipment, RV component parts, engine components, loading dock equipment, lawn mowers, medical supplies, livestock feed, and underground fuel tanks. In the transportation and premises liability arenas, she represents trucking companies, insurers, and national retailers in matters involving serious personal injuries and fatalities.

Education

JD: University of Montana, 2006, High Honors

BA: University of Montana, 1997, Political Science

Bar Admissions

Montana, 2006

Wyoming, 2022

Idaho, 2022

U.S. District Court, Districts of Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

Jill is often called upon for early accident scene investigations and serves as an independent investigator for entities facing potential claims. She has successfully defended companies and individuals at the administrative level, and at the trial and appellate levels throughout state and federal courts in Montana.

Career Distinctions & Honors

Chambers USA, Labor & Employment, 2019-2023

Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated

The Best Lawyers in America®; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2020-2026; Commercial Litigation, 2020-2026; Civil Rights Law, 2024-2026;

Employment Law - Management, 2024-2026; Personal Injury Litigation -

Defendants, 2024-2026; Transportation Law, 2024-2026

Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Civil Litigation: Defense, 2017-2024

Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Top 50 Women, 2022-2024

Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Top 100 Lawyers, 2023

Mountain States Super Lawyers®, "Rising Star," Civil Litigation: Defense, 2014-2016

Montana Judicial Standards Commission, appointed by Montana Supreme Court, 2017-present

Professional Associations

Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, 2015-present

Transportation Lawyers Association, 2020-present

Trucking Industry Defense Association 2021-present

Publications & Seminars

Co-Author, "Danger! Danger! Will Robinson: Are My Warnings Enough? Impact of the "heeding presumption" of on warnings labels and situations in which post-sale warnings may arise," ALFA International Products Liability & Complex Torts Seminar, 2022

Co-Author and Presenter, "Employment Law Update – Return to Work, COVID-19 Issues, & Changes to Montana Law," Jim Tillotson Service Program for Montana City Attorneys, 2021

Co-Author and Presenter, "Navigating the City/Client Landscape under Rule of Prof. Conduct 1.13," MMIA Defense Counsel Summit, 2020