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### **BIOGRAPHY**

Justin Jorgensen is an associate in the Atlanta office and a member of the Class Actions and Mass Torts practice group. Justin dedicates the majority of his practice to toxic tort and environmental litigation, including the defense of clients in litigation involving PFCs (perfluorochemicals) and PFAS substances (per- and polyfluoroalkyl). He has successfully argued in court for his clients, and he has significant experience drafting motions and briefs in all aspects of his cases. While PFC litigation makes up the majority of Justin's practice, he also acts as outside general counsel for private schools, insurers, and health information management companies.

Prior to joining BCLP, Justin was an associate at the largest Georgia law firm devoted solely to litigation. While there, Justin litigated cases involving trademark infringement, first party insurance coverage, toxic mold, and complex negligence. Over the two years that Justin practiced at his prior firm, he took and defended at least 50 depositions.

Before beginning his career as a practicing attorney, Justin clerked for a state trial court judge in Maryland, where he gained invaluable experience assisting with over 40 jury trials involving first degree murder, violent assaults, drug distribution, boating contract disputes, and other business disputes. Justin's exposure to a wide range of legal issues and to the litigation process while clerking provides him with a unique perspective into which arguments work with juries and judges.

Justin earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Richmond School of Law, where he was given a full tuition scholarship. During law school, he was an editor on the University of Richmond Law Review, and the Virginia State Bar Intellectual Property Section published his article, *Jurisdictional Splits and Timid Copyright Licensing*. He also received the highest grade in his Trademarks and Unfair Competition class. During graduation, Justin received the Auzville Jackson, Jr. Award for excellence in intellectual property, which is awarded to only one student per year.

## CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- Community Service Committee (Litigation Section), Atlanta Bar Association, 2023
- CALI Award, Trademarks and Unfair Competition
- Auzville Jackson, Jr. Award

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Atlanta Bar Association
- State Bar of Georgia

## ADMISSIONS

- Georgia, 2018
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Georgia
- Court of Appeals, Georgia State
- Supreme Court, Georgia

## EDUCATION

- University of Richmond, J.D., cum laude, 2018
- Emory University, B.A., 2014

## RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Class Actions & Mass Torts
- PFAS Team

## EXPERIENCE

- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a first party insurer relating to claims of wind and hail damage to an apartment complex.
- Successfully argued in Georgia state court on behalf of a carpet manufacturer against a motion to quash a third party witness subpoena.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a hair salon in a lawsuit involving allegations of chemical burns.
- Obtained Rule 11 sanctions against a plaintiff's firm in an employment retaliation lawsuit.

## RESOURCES

### PUBLICATIONS

- *Jurisdictional Splits and Timid Copyright Licensing*, Virginia State Bar - Intellectual Property, 2017

## RELATED INSIGHTS

Blog Post

Dec 13, 2023

**PFAS Update: Litigation Trends - Motions to Dismiss**

Insights

Oct 18, 2023

## **Georgia appellate court signals adoption of federal precedent for state pattern jury instructions**

The Georgia Court of Appeals recently considered a challenge to Georgia's preponderance-of-the-evidence pattern jury instruction, which is based upon a repealed version of Georgia's prior evidence code. Reading from the preamble to the current version of the code, the court found it "must look to federal caselaw in determining Georgia's legal definition of this evidentiary standard." Following this decision, Georgia litigants should consider replacing the preponderance-of-the-evidence pattern jury instruction with a definition aligned with federal precedent. Litigants should also consider whether to rely on other pattern instructions to the extent those instructions are still based upon the repealed evidence code and inconsistent with federal precedent.

Insights

Aug 18, 2023

## **Georgia Supreme Court takes aim at premises liability & apportionment**

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Jun 13, 2022

## **Georgia Supreme Court Finds "Apex Doctrine" Factors Are Entitled to Consideration**