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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Litigation; Labor & Employment; Insurance Law; Construction Law & Public Contracts



Marissa Marxen Giacomelli is located in the Firm's San Diego office and is a member of the Litigation Practice Group.

Prior to joining Buchalter, Ms. Giacomelli worked as an associate at a plaintiffs' class action firm in San Diego, where she practiced employment, class action, and real estate litigation. Subsequently, Ms. Giacomelli worked at a San Diego insurance defense firm for approximately two (2) years, where she handled personal injury, construction defect, labor and employment, and business litigation cases.

From 2017 to 2020, Ms. Giacomelli managed her own law practice, while also working as outside counsel for Petersen-Dean, Inc. During that time period, Ms. Giacomelli first-chaired two trials, including a two-week jury trial, in which she secured a verdict and entry of judgment in her clients' favor.

From September 2020 through June 2022, Ms. Giacomelli worked as a Judicial Law Clerk for the Hon. Roger T. Benitez and Hon. Linda Lopez of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. Her experience clerking along with her experience during law school as a Judicial Extern for the Hon. Gonzalo P. Curiel provides her with an intimate understanding of the federal judicial system.

Ms. Giacomelli prides herself on providing clients with an aggressive and ethical prosecution and/or defense of a case.

Representative Matters

- Settlements: Giacomelli has achieved settlements for approximately forty-two (42) clients.
- Dismissals: Giacomelli successfully obtained complete dismissals for approximately nine (9) clients.
- Judgments: Giacomelli has successfully had judgment entered in favor of three (3) clients.
- Trials: Giacomelli has experience first-chairing both jury and bench trials, including securing a \$336,458.46 judgment in her clients' favor in July 2019, following a two-week jury trial.
- Appeals: Giacomelli has also successfully appealed decisions by the Employment Development Department.

Publications

- The Influence of Justice Traynor's Approach to Statutory Interpretation on Modern American Law, *California Legal History, Volume 9*, 2014
- The California Supreme Court Closes a Loophole Around the Right to Repair Act's Statutes of Repose, *Association of Business Trial Lawyers San Diego*, Fall 2018

Presentations

- Panelist, "When Contracts Go Wrong: Drafting to Decision, San Diego County Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Presentation," San Diego, October 25, 2018

Education

Ms. Giacomelli earned her Juris Doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law, where graduated with a concentration in Civil Litigation and served as an Executive Board and national team member of the Appellate Moot Court Board. As a national team member, Ms. Giacomelli participated in the Pepperdine University National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition in which she placed within the top 20 oral advocates and top 5 respondent briefs. While in law school, Ms. Giacomelli also served as the Philanthropy Chair of the Business Law Society, mentored new law students through the mentor/mentee program, actively participated in the intramural softball league, and had her article, *The Influence of Justice Traynor's Approach to Statutory Interpretation on Modern American Law*, selected for publication in the California Supreme Court Historical Society's annual journal, *California Legal History*. Ms. Giacomelli earned her Bachelor of Arts from Villanova University, graduating *magna cum laude* with a double major in Political Science and Spanish Literature.

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- California State Bar
- United States District Court for the Southern District of California
- United States District Court for the Central District of California

Community

- Association of Business Trial Lawyers, Co-Chair of the Leadership Development Committee
- American Inns of Court, William B. Enright Chapter, Associate Member
- San Diego County Bar Association, Member
- Federal Bar Association, Member