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Jared Kiess is a commercial litigator whose practice consists primarily of representing insurers in first- and third-party coverage disputes. Jared routinely represents third-party insurers in high-stakes liability claims. He has obtained several favorable dispositive rulings on the duties to defend and indemnify claims involving questionable coverage and frequently advises clients in negotiating the resolution of complex claims. Jared has successfully defended first-party insurance clients in a wide variety of commercial property disputes, achieving a favorable settlement or dismissal in a number of litigated cases. Jared also has expertise in appellate matters, representing both insurance and non-insurance clients in appeals before the Washington court of appeals and other appellate courts.

Before entering private practice, Jared served as a trial-level judicial law clerk in his home state of Montana for three years. Jared's clerkship spanned two different trial court judges, with whom he worked closely to analyze arguments and evidence and craft opinions and orders in all types of civil and criminal matters, involving everything from homicide and drug possession to family law, contract disputes, environmental law, securities fraud, and constitutional law. This experience exposed him to courtroom practices and etiquette early on in his career. It also provided an opportunity for Jared to hone his writing skills, drafting hundreds of opinions and orders, many of which were affirmed on review by the state's high court. Following his clerkship, Jared worked at a civil litigation firm in Montana and an insurance coverage firm in Seattle before joining Bullivant Houser in June of 2019.

PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate
Commercial Litigation
COVID-19 Response
Insurance Coverage
Personal & Catastrophic Injury Litigation

EDUCATION

- George Mason University School of Law – J.D., cum laude, 2014
- University of Montana – B.A., Political Science/Economics, *high honors*, 2010

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Washington, 2019
- Montana, 2015

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington, 2019
- U.S. District Court, District of Montana, 2020
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 2020
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington, 2019