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Jesse Byam-Katzman is a business litigator who advises and represents clients in complex commercial disputes, with a particular focus on the technology and manufacturing sectors. Jesse advocates for clients in state and federal courts and arbitration in matters involving software and licensing disputes (from implementation through termination), distribution and supply agreements, post-closing M&A litigation, and government investigations and enforcement actions. Jesse also counsels on product distribution and dealer network management, helping clients align commercial relationships and risk tolerance with business objectives.

Drawing on a strategic and pragmatic approach, Jesse partners with clients to assess risk early, position disputes for efficient resolution, and litigate vigorously when necessary. Jesse regularly develops proactive dispute-avoidance strategies, negotiates favorable resolutions to high-stakes matters, and drives litigation strategies that protect enterprise value.

Before pursuing a career in the legal industry, Jesse worked as a claims professional for Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Companies where he managed claims and litigation and implemented reserves.

Awards and Recognition

- “Legal All-Star – Rising Young Lawyer,” by Wisconsin Law Journal, 2022
- Wisconsin Pro Bono Honor Society, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022

Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Associations
- Milwaukee Bar Association
- Thomas E. Fairchild American Inn of Court (past member)

Pro Bono

Jesse has devoted hundreds of hours to pro bono representation of indigent community members, representing incarcerated persons for claims relating to civil rights violations, refugees seeking asylum, tenants facing eviction, and local nonprofits in connection with nuisance and trespass claims.

Presentations and Publications

- Co-Editor, *Business Torts – A Fifty State Guide* (Wisconsin Chapter), Aspen Publishers, Inc.
- Co-Author, *Managing Your Dealer Council to Avoid Antitrust Risks*, Manufacturing Industry Advisor (June 16, 2021)

Sectors

- [Innovative Technology](#)
- [Manufacturing](#)
- [Racial Justice & Equity](#)

Practice Areas

- [Commercial Litigation](#)
- [Distribution & Franchise](#)
- [False Claims Act](#)
- [Government Enforcement Defense & Investigations](#)
- [Insurance & Reinsurance Litigation](#)
- [Litigation](#)

Education

- Marquette University Law School (J.D., summa cum laude, 2017)
 - Business Editor, *Marquette Law Review*
 - Student leader, Academic and Supplemental Success Programs
 - CALI Awards for highest grade, including awards in advanced civil procedure, evidence, and advanced legal research
 - Dean's list for six semesters
- Lawrence University (B.A., cum laude, 2012)

Admissions

- Wisconsin
- Minnesota
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan