

## Attorney Bio

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Jacqueline Murphy is senior counsel in WSHB's White Plains office, where she focuses her practice on professional liability matters and employment practices liability claims. Additionally, Jacqueline is a member of the firm's London Coverage Team. In this capacity, Jacqueline assists London syndicates and markets with a wide variety of insurance matters including first party and third party claims. She provides coverage evaluations and recommendations for primary and excess carriers for both the domestic and London insurance market. As part of her coverage practice, Jacqueline handles insurance related litigation, performs detailed analysis of insurance policies, drafts in-depth coverage opinions, conducts examinations under oath and facilitates settlements in all lines of business, including natural disasters, construction, business interruption, professional liability, general liability, environmental, and property.

Jacqueline is a graduate of Pace University School of Law. She is a member of the New York State Bar as well as the New Jersey State Bar and is admitted in the District Court of New Jersey. Jacqueline received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History from Syracuse University.

Prior to joining the firm, Jacqueline's experience included private practice work, where she handled complex civil litigation in labor law and insurance coverage matters related to total disability/accident and sickness disability policies.

## Education

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Pace University School of Law (J.D., 2016)

Syracuse University (B.A., 2013)

## Licensed to Practice in:

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New York, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, New Jersey, U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, Connecticut

## Practice Areas

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***ADA Compliance and Defense***

***Complex Tort and Casualty***

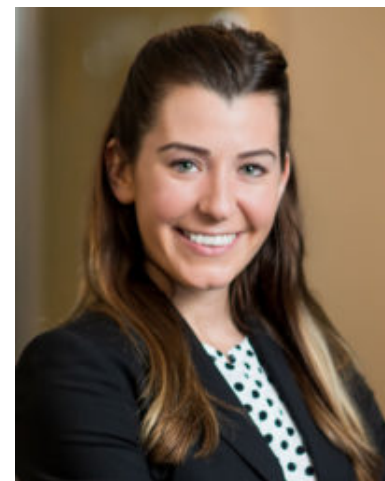
***Construction***

***Directors and Officers (D&O) Litigation***

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## **Trial & Appellate Results**

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- Michelle Arbitrio, managing partner in White Plains, New York, and Jacqueline Murphy, senior counsel, secured a dismissal of a case involving the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination (NJLAD). In this case, a discussion about religious faith dovetailed into sexual preference. When the customer revealed sexual preference and the masseur suggested it was a sin and violated God's faith, litigation ensued. Following extensive briefing and oral argument, Superior Court Judge Anthony Pugliese granted WSHB's motion to dismiss finding that the faith-based opinion of the masseuse expressed during the course of the massage did not violate the NJLAD. The pleadings and oral argument carefully evaluated the elements of the statutory violation. Arbitrio and Murphy further set out arguments which allowed the trial judge to reject suggestions of vicarious liability using the standard set out by *Yucis v. Sears Outlet Stores*. *Yucis* is a 2020 Third Circuit case, which lays out five factors that establish whether an employer can be held vicariously liable for discriminatory acts of their employees in the public accommodation context.

## **Awards & Accomplishments**

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- Named a "Rising Star" by New York Super Lawyers Magazine, 2021

## **Publications**

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- [\*On The Basis of Sex: Supreme Court Holds that Employers Cannot Discriminate Against Employees for Being Homosexual or Transgender\*](#)

## **Memberships**

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- New York State Bar, Member
- New Jersey State Bar, Member