

Jocelyn B. Jones advises public and private sector unions and individual employees as both a litigator and a policymaker.

Jocelyn's practice includes collective bargaining, arbitrations, administrative proceedings, court litigation, private enforcement of the wage and hour laws, and government relations. She provides strategic counsel to labor organizations on public policy, including licensing, regulatory enforcement, bid protests, and legislative advocacy on the federal, state, and municipal levels.

For more than 15 years, Jocelyn served in the Fair Labor Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, serving at various times as Acting Chief, Deputy Chief, and Special Counsel for Fair Labor Policy, and Assistant Attorney General (AAG). As an AAG, Jocelyn prosecuted hundreds of wage and hour and employee misclassification cases. As Deputy Chief for over 8 years, Jocelyn guided enforcement, particularly in the construction arena, oversaw complex litigation and managed the public construction bid unit. Additionally, she advised the Attorney General on public policy, and worked closely with the Legislature and state and federal agencies and Division stakeholders. Jocelyn served on the Commonwealth's Joint Task Force on the Underground Economy & Employee Misclassification, and was appointed to the Massachusetts Commission to Investigate Project Labor Agreements. In 2015, Jocelyn played a central role in drafting and implementing the Commonwealth's Earned Sick Time and Domestic Worker regulations. Previously, Jocelyn worked at a Boston labor law firm representing unions and employees.

Jocelyn frequently speaks before bar associations, and union, industry, and governmental conferences. Jocelyn provides continuing legal education and has served as a visiting lecturer at law schools and colleges. Jocelyn authored the Boston Bar Journal article, "[Workers' Rights Keep Pace with Corporate Practices: Recent SJC Decisions Expand Reach of Wage & Hour Laws](#)," September 2013. She received the *2014 Salt of the Earth Award* from Community Labor United and the *2014 George W. Ripley III Memorial Award* from the Arnold M. Dubin Labor Education Center, UMass. She received a certificate from the Program for Women in Politics and Government at Boston College Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Jocelyn's practice is based in Northampton, Massachusetts. Since moving to Western Massachusetts in 2012, Jocelyn has enjoyed coaching her youngest son's little league baseball team, seeing her eldest's punk rock band flourish, watching both play basketball, and getting involved in the thriving social justice scene.

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