



Jissel Esparza

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Jissel Esparza's litigation practice focuses on complex commercial disputes, supported by strong academic leadership and hands-on experience.

Jissel is an associate in the Litigation Department at Lewis Rice. Her general litigation practice centers on complex commercial litigation, where she supports clients in navigating high-stakes disputes.

During law school, Jissel spent two summers with Lewis Rice as a summer associate and served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Arkansas Law Review*, demonstrating both leadership and a commitment to legal scholarship.

Education

- University of Arkansas School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2024)
 - Editor-in-Chief, *Arkansas Law Review*
 - Recipient, Erron and Libby Smith Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law School Publications
 - Recipient, Pro Bono Silver Medallion
 - Teaching Assistant, Evidence
- University of Arkansas (B.S.B.A., 2021)
 - Accounting and Finance
 - 2021 Senior Honor Citation Recipient, Arkansas Alumni Association
 - Treasurer, Associated Student Government
 - Alumnae Relations Chair, Chi Omega

Legal Background

- Immigration Clinic-Student Attorney, University of Arkansas School of Law Clinic (2024)
- Taxation Department Extern, Walmart, Inc. (2023)
- Summer Associate, Lewis Rice LLC (2022-2023)

Services

- Complex Litigation
- Advertising, Promotions & Social Media
- Construction Law

Professional Affiliations

- Forum on Construction Law, American Bar Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Admissions

- Missouri Bar
- Illinois Bar
- Eastern District of Missouri, U.S. District Court
- Western District of Missouri, U.S. District Court

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Volunteer, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri

Publications

June 18, 2025

\$1 Jury Verdict Upheld by Federal Court: A Cautionary Tale on Proving Damages in Construction Disputes

April 3, 2025

Do You Own Your Digital Library? California Says You Have a Right to Know

January 31, 2025

Illinois Supreme Court Upholds Legislative Exception to Otherwise Time-Barred Workers' Occupational Diseases Act Claims

January 27, 2025

Illinois Pay Transparency Law Reaches Across State Lines to Mandate Wage and Benefits Information in Job Postings