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OVERVIEW

Jennifer Bovitz is a shareholder, trial lawyer, and associate general counsel at Bassford Remele, with decades of experience as a trial and appellate lawyer. Jennifer has demonstrated success in serious criminal, complex civil and appellate matters. Jennifer has successfully obtained full defense verdicts on behalf of healthcare clients as well as dismissals of regulatory complaints.

Jennifer litigates and serves as trial counsel in medical and legal malpractice cases in addition to representing professionals in regulatory matters before the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, Board on Judicial Standards, and all health licensing Boards. As a former prosecutor, Jennifer gained significant jury trial experience prosecuting serious felonies. In addition to her criminal and civil litigation and trial experience, Jennifer is an experienced ethics lawyer who served as a Managing Attorney at the Minnesota Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility where she investigated and litigated attorney discipline and reinstatement matters. Jennifer incorporates wellness into all of her representations to ensure her clients are well prepared for the road ahead.

Jennifer is a frequent CLE presenter and ethics columnist, and she teaches as adjunct faculty at Mitchell Hamline School of Law. Jennifer's community involvement has included coaching mock trial, mentoring law students, volunteering with Friends in Need Food Shelf and on its board, and serving on the Washington County Community Corrections Advisory Board.

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

William Mitchell College of Law, J.D. , 2001
St. Cloud State University, B.A., 1998

Bar Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota
- Minnesota

EXPERIENCE

Representative Cases

Jennifer Bovitz brings 23 years of criminal and civil trial/litigation experience to her clients. Highlights include:

- 34 Trials to Verdict (Criminal and Complex Civil)
- 5 Referee Trials
- 25 Court of Appeals Matters
- 6 Minnesota Supreme Court Oral Arguments

Publications

- *Risky business: Professional liability claims*, author, Minnesota Lawyer, October 21, 2025
- *Border searches and your ethical obligations*, author, Minnesota Lawyer, April 21, 2025
- *PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ACTIONS: Ethical Obligations for Lawyers Advising in an Evolving Legal Landscape*, co-author, Attorney at Law Magazine, Vol. 14, No. 2, February 2025
- *The Corporate Transparency Act: Business Opportunity or Risk Landmine*, co-author, Attorney at Law Magazine, Vol. 13, No. 12, December 2024

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EXPERIENCE

- *Minnesota State District Court Civil Practice Deskbook*, ethics commentator, Chapters 9, 11, 12, 13, 16 and 17, 4th Ed., 2024
- *Corporate transparency, ethics and risk*, author, Minnesota Lawyer, October 28, 2024
- *Conforming Your Multijurisdictional Practice to the Ethics Rules*, co-author with Donald Patrick Eckler, ABA The Brief, Winter 2024
- *Developing intake procedures to avoid firm imputation*, author, Minnesota Lawyer, June 25, 2024
- *Risky business and tips for managing the risk*, author, Minnesota Lawyer, November 28, 2023
- *That's the Way: Conforming Your Multijurisdictional Practice to the Rules*, co-author with Donald Patrick Eckler, PLDF Quarterly, Volume 15, Number 3
- *Conforming multijurisdictional practice to the rules*, co-author with Donald Patrick Eckler, Minnesota Lawyer, July 3, 2023
- *Lawyer discipline system- Change has a cost*, author, Minnesota Lawyer, February 27, 2023
- *Lessons from an imposter: Risk management policies in legal hiring and departures*, author, Minnesota Lawyer, August 30, 2022

Seminars

- *Complying with New Developments in Ethics and Professional Responsibility*, co-presenter, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education The Minnesota Civil Litigation Update: Key Developments and Insights for 2025, March 19, 2025
- *Ethical Considerations for Multi-Jurisdictional Practice: A Guide for Today's Employee Benefits Practitioner*, co-presenter, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education 2025 Advanced Employee Benefits Workshop, January 29, 2025
- *Ethics & Criminal Law*, presenter, University of Minnesota Law School, November 27, 2024 and March 27, 2024
- *Current Ethics*, presenter, University of Minnesota Law School, November 14, 2023
- *The Erosion of Privity in Professional Liability*, presenter, Professional Liability Defense Federation Annual Convention, Denver, September 28, 2023
- *Trauma Informed Practices for Attorneys*, presenter, Echion Legal, July 12, 2023
- *Liability of Partners and Supervising Lawyers for Ethical Violations of Supervised Attorneys and Staff*, presenter, Private Minnesota Law Firm, April 18, 2023
- *Avoiding Ethical Missteps*, presenter, PowerHouse, (webcast), December 8, 2022
- *Practically Speaking: Tips to Maintain an Ethical Practice in Dynamic Environments*, presenter, State Bar of Wisconsin, Nonresident Lawyers Division, May 2, 2022
- *Trauma Informed Practices for Attorneys*, presenter, Webcast, Echion Legal, April 26, 2022
- *Ethics Issues in Employment Law*, presenter, Minnesota CLE, October 5, 2021
- *Redemption: Reinstatement- The Other Side of Lawyer Regulation*, presenter, Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board Annual Seminar, September 17, 2021

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- *How to Prosecute Bad Behavior on Social Media*, moderator, National Organization of Bar Counsel, August 5, 2021
- *Maintaining Wellness During a Pandemic*, presenter, Minnesota State Bar Association Annual Convention, June 25, 2021
- *Leadership and Continuity Planning*, panel member, District Ethics Committee Chairs Symposium, May 14, 2021
- *Ethical Practice in a Pandemic*, presenter, American Association of Matrimonial Lawyers, March 5, 2021
- *Complying with Your Professional Responsibility to Keep Client Data Safe*, presenter, Minnesota CLE, February 17, 2021
- *Emerging Lawyer Ethics Issue -The Intersection of Ethics Rules and Brady*, presenter, Minnesota State Bar Association, October 6, 2020
- *Real World Ethics, Advising the Disadvantaged*, presenter, Minnesota CLE, March 19, 2020
- *DEC Hypotheticals*, presenter, DEC Seminar, Brooklyn Center, September 27, 2019
- *Ethics in Employment Law*, presenter, Minnesota CLE, September 16, 2019
- *Exploring the Connections Between Implicit Bias, Incivility and Toxicity in the Legal Profession & The Importance of Being a Trauma Informed Practitioner*, presenter, MCAA, (two webcasts), September 11, 2019
- *It's Your Professional Responsibility to Sleep*, presenter, Minnesota CLE, May 30, 2019
- *Essential Ethics Concepts*, presenter, DEC Symposium, May 17, 2019
- *How Trauma Affects Native Lawyers and Practice in Tribal Communities*, presenter, Minnesota CLE, Indian Law Conference, May 3, 2019
- *Emerging Issues in Professional Responsibility*, presenter, Minnesota State Bar Association, Duluth, January 24, 2019
- *Disciplinary Update*, presenter, Sixth District Bar Association, Mankato, November 15, 2018
- *Everything You Need to Know About Trust Accounts*, presenter, Minnesota Judicial Center, October 31, 2018
- *Bias: Trauma Informed Criminal Practitioner*, presenter, MCAA, October 11, 2018
- *DEC Investigations*, presenter, DEC Seminar, Brooklyn Center, September 28, 2018
- *Being a Trauma Informed Paralegal*, presenter, Minnesota CLE, September 21, 2018
- *Ethics for Criminal Lawyers*, presenter, Suburban Prosecutors, Bloomington, September 14, 2018
- *Trust Account Books & Records*, presenter, Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, September 4, 2018
- *Being a Trauma Informed Criminal Lawyer*, presenter, Criminal Justice Institute, August 22, 2018
- *Ethics for Criminal Lawyers*, presenter, Anoka County Bar Association, July 18, 2018
- *Ethics for Paralegals*, presenter, Minnesota Annual Paralegal Convention, May 24, 2018

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- *Ethics: Being a Trauma Informed Criminal Practitioner*, presenter, Minnesota CLE, May 10, 2018
- *Ethics & #metoo Harassment & Discrimination*, presenter, Minnesota CLE, April 24, 2018
- *The Complaint Process*, presenter, Hennepin County Public Defender, December 8, 2017
- *Life Cycle of a Complaint*, presenter, Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board Seminar, Brooklyn Center, September 29, 2017
- *Behind the Scenes of a DEC*, presenter, Sixth District Bar Association, Mankato, September 21, 2017
- *Dirty Deeds & Other Unethical Conduct*, presenter, CDDC, Minneapolis Convention Center, September 15, 2017
- *Ethics for the Public Defender*, presenter, Hennepin County Public Defender's Office, August 3, 2017
- *Ethics in Litigation*, presenter, MCAA, June 16, 2017
- *The Process of a Complaint*, presenter, Minnesota CLE, (webcast), April 19, 2017
- *Ethics and the Criminal Lawyer*, presenter, University of Minnesota Law School, March 24, 2017
- *Basic Legal Concepts of Sexual Assault Investigations*, presenter, MNSCIA Conference, April 2015
- *DANCO Understanding the Basics*, presenter, sponsored by the Dakota County Law Library, November 2014
- *DANCO Understanding the Basics*, presenter, Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women (webinar) September 2014
- *Firearms: Regulations and Prohibitors*, presenter, February 2013
- Collaboratively trained the entire Chisago County law enforcement community, Corrections and The Refuge, in the use and implementation of the Maryland Model Lethality Assessment Program, 2012
- *Search and Seizure at School*, presenter and course developer, target audience included law enforcement, attorneys, school administration and policy makers, October 2012
- *Testifying Protocols*, presenter, Washington County Correctional Officers, Fall 2008

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC

Bar Associations

- American Bar Association
- Minnesota State Bar Association, 2017-present
 - Professional Regulation Committee, 2022-present
- Hennepin County Bar Association

Professional Associations

- Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers
- Professional Liability Defense Federation
- Defense Research Institute
 - Professional Liability Committee
 - Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee
 - Lawyers' Professionalism and Ethics Committee
- Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
- Minnesota Hospital Association
- Minnesota Women Lawyers, 2024-present
 - St. Croix Valley Chapter, Co-Chair, 2011-2012

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Civic Involvement

- Mitchell Hamline School of Law
 - Adjunct Professor, 2024-present; January 2016-December 2020
 - Mentor, 2004-2006; 2013-2015
- University of St. Thomas School of Law, Mentorship Program, Mentor, 2023-present
- Woodbury High School, Mock Trial Coach, 2021-2022
- Washington County Community Corrections Advisory Board, Board Member, 2015-2019
- Friends in Need, Food Shelf
 - Board of Directors, President, 2012-2016
 - Board Member, 2010-2016
- St. Paul Ballet, Parent Volunteer, 2015-2018

ACCOLADES

Honors & Awards

- Unit Citation Award, Washington County Sheriff's Office, 2006
- Outstanding Board Member, Friends in Need, 2013