Jesse Ryan Corkern

Professional Experience

2019 – present: Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Whatcom County

- Currently represent all county departments in pending litigation including pre-trial motions, discovery, mediation and trial. Also represent the Whatcom County Human Resources Department in an advisory role regarding issues of employment law, including coaching, counseling, decisions to terminate and collective bargaining.

- Prior to joining the civil division, worked in the criminal division managing a caseload of 200+ felonies, including Class A felonies. As of this writing, all criminal convictions have been upheld on appeal.

2010 – 2019: Founder & Managing Attorney: JRC Practice, PLLC

- Built and managed a successful law practice spanning criminal defense, civil litigation, and regulatory compliance.
- Represented clients in state, federal, and appellate courts, including the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Defended individuals accused of misdemeanors, felonies, strike offenses, and complex criminal matters, handling all phases of litigation: pre-trial motions, discovery, negotiation, trial, sentencing, and appeals.
- Led civil litigation matters including partnership dissolutions, real property disputes, civil asset forfeiture, and regulatory compliance.
- Oversaw firm operations: hiring and supervising attorneys and staff, managing caseloads, and ensuring efficient client service.
- Demonstrated exceptional ability to build trust and credibility with opposing counsel, judges, and adversarial parties—resolving disputes effectively while safeguarding client interests.

2007 – 2010: Deputy Prosecuting Attorney | Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

- Prosecuted criminal cases on behalf of the State of Washington, trying approximately 70 cases to verdict.
- Managed an annual caseload of over 1,200 criminal cases, ranging from misdemeanors to serious felonies.

- Litigated and argued a wide spectrum of motions, including suppression hearings, post-conviction challenges, and sentencing proceedings.
- Collaborated with law enforcement, victim advocates, and community stakeholders to pursue justice while maintaining fairness and accountability.
- Gained recognition for balanced advocacy, ensuring both community safety and due process protections.

Education

Willamette University College of Law – Salem, OR -- Juris Doctor, 2006

- Dean's List, Academic Scholarship Recipient
- Moot Court Champion (Local) & Regional Competitor

Portland State University – Portland, OR -- Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration, 2000

Key Skills & Qualifications

- Leadership & Firm Management
- Major Crimes Prosecution & Criminal Defense
- Civil Litigation: Pre-Trial, Discovery, Mediation & Trial
- Appellate Advocacy: State, Federal & Ninth Circuit
- Relationship Building in Adversarial Settings
- Regulatory & Compliance Counsel
- Strategic Negotiation & Conflict Resolution

Professional Highlights

- Vast trial experience: Prosecuted and defended cases across all phases of litigation
- Proven leadership: Founded and expanded a successful law firm with attorneys and staff under direct supervision
- Comprehensive legal expertise: Criminal, civil, and regulatory practice across multiple jurisdictions
- Respected advocate: Known for fairness, professionalism, and ability to bridge divides in adversarial contexts