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Jesse Medlong is a litigation associate in our San Francisco office. His practice focuses on environmental and administrative law and on regulatory compliance.

He has advised large manufacturers of consumer packaging, pesticide devices, household goods and technological components on state, domestic and international regulatory requirements. He has also represented financial-services providers, real-estate developers and global insurance firms in a variety of litigation and regulatory matters.

Jesse is an alumnus of DLA Piper's Krantz Fellowship, which allowed him to spend his first year as an associate working exclusively on pro bono matters. His work was divided between providing legal assistance to military veterans and New Perimeter, DLA Piper's international pro bono affiliate. His pro bono work has included matters as diverse as representing veterans seeking VA benefits and representing the Georgian delegation at United Nations climate talks. Jesse's work as a pro bono climate diplomat continues to be a central part of his pro bono practice.

Jesse writes on environmental developments, international law, executive power, military law and veteran issues.

Jesse is a member of DLA Piper's North American Pro Bono Committee.

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- California

Prior Experience

Before joining DLA Piper, Jesse studied at the University of Michigan Law School. While there, he and a classmate led a team of student researchers conducting pro bono legal research to advise the government of Nepal in its ongoing transition from a unitary monarchy to a federal democracy. During law school, Jesse also served as an extern and International Fellow to the

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- International Trade, Regulatory and Government Affairs
- Environment, Health and Safety
- Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes
- Global Governance and Compliance
- Investigations
- Commercial Contracts Disputes
- Product Liability, Mass Torts and Product Stewardship

RELATED SECTORS

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Insurance
- Consumer Goods and Retail

United States Mission to the United Nations, in Geneva, Switzerland, where he supported the legal adviser's office during the 22nd Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council. He was also nominated by Michigan Law School to serve as a clerk to the International Court of Justice.

Recognitions

- 2016 Truman Security Project Defense Council membership
- 2015 New Leaders Council Fellow
- 2014 Krantz Fellow
- 2013 University of Michigan Geneva International Fellow
- 2013 recipient of S. Anthony Benton Memorial Award for scholastic excellence in international & constitutional law
- 2012 Helen L. Deroy Fellow for Scholarly Writing

Education

- J.D., University of Michigan Law School
Articles Editor, *Michigan Journal of International Law*
- M.S., International Relations, Troy University

Courts

- United States District Court for the Central District of California
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California
- United States District Court for the Southern District of California

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- International Bar Association
- State Bar of California
- San Francisco Bar Association
- American Society of International Law
- Pacific Council on International Policy
- Veterans of Foreign Wars

CIVIC AND CHARITABLE

- Board of Directors, (charitable nonprofit)
- Member of the National Veterans Legal Services Program's inaugural Advisory Council
- Swords to Plowshares Pro Bono Advisory Board member
- OneJustice Advisory Board member
- New Leaders Council Fellow, San Francisco, 2015

Military Experience

Jesse served for ten years in the United States Navy. His service included two deployments to the Persian Gulf, where he was part of a team conducting boarding operations to ensure compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 986, for which he received a letter of commendation from Admiral Joseph Sestak.

INSIGHTS

Publications

You may be surprised to learn you are selling unregistered pesticides – key points for retailers to help avoid liability

26 JUL 2018

Retailers and manufacturers face significant liability for selling products they do not realize are pesticides and that would not, in fact, be pesticides if not for careless labeling.

Climate change liability? The escape of the salmon

12 OCT 2017

A recent incident at a fish farm illustrates emerging concerns and strategies for limiting legal risk from climate-related damages.

- Author, "What to Expect at the COP23 Climate Summit in Bonn," Nov 10, 2017, Pacific Council Newsroom
- Author, "Four Issues to Follow at COP 22: Will We Always Have Paris?," Nov 9, 2016, Pacific Council Newsroom
- Author, "Globalization and the Ghost of Captain Ludd," Oct. 5, 2016, Pacific Council Newsroom
- Author, "Quantum Lawmaking: How National Security Law Happens When We're Not Looking," 4 Nat'l Sec. L.J. 25 (2015)
- Co-author, "Remembering Our Living Veterans," The Hill (November 11, 2015)
- Author, "In Search of the Twilight Zone," ABA Young Lawyers Division Litigation Committee Newsletter (February, 2015)
- Co-author, "Honor to the Volunteer Attorney Who Serves Our Veterans," The Hill (November 11, 2014)
- Co-author, "2013 Warsaw Climate Change Conference: mobilizing climate finance mechanisms," DLA Piper Climate Change Alert (December 17, 2013)
- Co-author, "Courts Marshalled to Empower Veterans," Daily Journal (November 11, 2013)
- Author, "All Other Breaches: State Practice and the Geneva Conventions' Nebulous Class of Less Discussed Prohibitions," 34 Mich. J. Int'l L. 829–856 (August 2013)

NEWS

DLA Piper represents Applied Underwriters in defeat of three class certification motions

19 August 2019

DLA Piper represented Applied Underwriters in its defeat of three separate motions for class certification arising out of a regulatory dispute over whether a reinsurance transaction adjunct to workers' compensation coverage was required to be filed with, among others, the California Department of Insurance.

PRO BONO

- Successfully argued to restore the rights of veteran groups in the San Francisco War Memorial Veterans Building
- Negotiated on behalf of a developing country party under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including as a delegate to the 2015 climate change summit in Paris
- Taught a course on pro bono to Mexican law students at Universidad Panamericana
- Coordinated research team and drafted policy paper on direct democracy for the Public International Law and Policy Group and the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Advised nonprofit corporate clients on various regulatory and civil-legal issues