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ABOUT JARED

Jared Elijah-Akeem Nelson is a dedicated and highly skilled advocate for his clients, partnering with them and guiding them through complex legal challenges with professionalism and care. Drawing from his diverse background in both private law and government service, he works diligently to go way above and way beyond in building long-lasting relationships based on trust, thorough communication, and a deep understanding of his client's needs and goals. Jared's dedication to creating partnerships rooted in respect, diversity, and success sets his practice apart.

Jared has extensive experience in litigated and non-litigated matters, including energy law, mass tort litigation, civil rights cases, and environmental cases. His practice focuses on casualty litigation, commercial litigation, premises liability, mass tort and class action, environmental law, workers' compensation, and insurance defense and coverage. Jared provides strategic solutions that lead to effective results, prioritizing responsiveness and accessibility. His meticulous, detail-oriented services deliver exceptional value and confidence to his clients, knowing that they have partnered with a formidable litigator, trusted legal advisor, and business partner.

A native of New York City, Jared is a fan of basketball and football. When not advocating for his clients, he enjoys traveling and spending time with his wife, Joelle, and their daughter.

Practices

Commercial Litigation
Environmental Law
Insurance Defense & Coverage
Mass Tort & Class Action
Premises Liability
Workers' Compensation

Industries

Commercial/Corporate
Environmental

Education

- J.D., Southern University Law Center
- M.P.A., Southern University
- B.A., Government, University of Virginia

Admissions

- Louisiana, 2018
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, 2019
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana, 2019
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, 2019
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2019

Awards & Recognitions

- National Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division, 2024 Lendon J. Alexander Advocacy & Leadership Award Recipient
- American Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, 2024 Star of the Quarter (Quarter 3) Award Recipient
- Best Lawyers "One to Watch", 2024-2025
- Acadiana Profile "Top Lawyer" General Service (2023), Mass Tort Litigation & Class Action (2024)
- Louisiana Super Lawyers "Rising Star", 2023-2024
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, 2022 Frank L. Maraist Award Recipient
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, 2023 Young Lawyers Committee Member of the Year Award Recipient
- National Black Lawyers Association "Top 40 under 40", 2020-Present

Associations

- Defense Research Institute (DRI) Professional & Business Development Mentoring Program, 2023-2024
- National Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, Member, 2024-Present
- American Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division (YLD Leadership Academy, YLD Scholar, 2023-Present; Men of Color Project Chair, 2024-Present)
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel (Young Lawyers Committee Secretary, 2023-Present; Board of Directors Member, 2024-Present)
- Louisiana State Bar Association (House of Delegates Member, 15th Judicial District Court, 2020-Present; Young Lawyers Division Council, District 3 Representative, 2021-Present; Diversity Committee Member, 2019-Present; Leadership LSBA Class Participant, 2019-2020; Leadership LSBA Class Co-Chair, 2020-2021)
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, Pathfinders Program, 2021-2022
- Lafayette Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section, Member, 2020-Present
- Louis A. Martinet Legal Society of Greater Lafayette- Member, 2019-Present
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Southwest Louisiana Chapter of Jack & Jill of America, Inc.- Father's Auxiliary Chair, 2024-2025