

Up & Coming Attorneys & Unsung Legal Heroes

Jessica Kometz

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Jessica Kometz loves her work as an attorney in trusts, estates and employment law.

After completing her undergraduate degree at St. Cloud State University, she clerked with the Dakota County district attorney while a student at Mitchell Hamline School of Law. That experience taught her that criminal law wasn't going to be her calling after all.

She started a clerkship at Bassford Remele, and after working extensively on a trust and estates case, "the die was cast and trusts and estates were going to be part of my practice," she said. Combined with her employment law practice (she defends large corporations against discrimination allegations), Kometz has a well-rounded roster of clients and work.

"The great thing about being at a smaller firm is that I still get so many opportunities to take depositions, argue significant substantive motions, have direct client contact and even handle evidentiary hearings."

In addition, Kometz appreciates that she has the ability to use the skills she is building as a litigator to help those who could not otherwise afford an attorney when they need it the most.

That's one of the reasons she's always ready to step into pro bono work and serves on the firm's pro bono committee.

Her commitment to the law and Bassford Remele haven't gone unnoticed by the firm.

"(Jessica) shows dedication to the parts of our practice that are not driven by pay or accolades," said Jessica L. Klander, a member of the firm's board of directors. "She regularly volunteers to do pro bono work (excellently) and on firm committees to promote internal firm culture and long-term health. She does this important 'non-billable' work without being asked and even when she is underwater in 'billable' work. In a word — she's a superstar."

— Kate Leibsle



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