

JONES, SKELTON & HOCHULI WELCOMES TWO ASSOCIATES & FOUR LAW CLERKS

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Jones, Skelton & Hochuli is pleased to welcome associates [Clarissa Reiman](#) and [Amy Salamon](#), and law clerks Ian Beck, Brian Cuevas, Nicole Prefontaine and



Clarissa Reiman joins JSH with 18 years of legal experience, primarily in civil litigation and insurance defense. She

represents insurers, third-party administrators and their insureds in matters involving auto liability, product liability, insurance coverage, UM/UIM valuation, bad faith, premises liability, and wrongful death and personal injury. She has also represented clients in appeals and motions, and is experienced in the areas of medical malpractice, appeals and motions, alternative dispute resolution, and complex commercial litigation matters. Early in her career, Clarissa worked as a Deputy County Attorney with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, gaining significant trial experience prosecuting misdemeanor and felony cases. Throughout her career, she has participated in alternative dispute resolution and litigation for hundreds of cases involving insurance defense and civil litigation. After earning her law degree, Clarissa worked as an insurance adjuster. She credits this experience to her desire to pursue a career in law for



Amy Salamon focuses her practice in the areas of general civil litigation, insurance defense, premises liability, and

automobile liability defense. Before joining JSH, she worked as a law clerk for the Honorable James A. Teilborg of the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona. While pursuing her law degree at Arizona State University, Amy worked as a teaching assistant for a Legal Method and Writing course, and served as Production Editor on *Jurimetrics*. She gained valuable experience working as a 2017 summer associate at JSH, and as a judicial extern for the Honorable James A. Teilborg and the Honorable John J. Tuchi of the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona. Amy graduated *cum laude* with four CALI Awards, and is a five time Willard H. Pedrick Scholar. Originally from Virginia, she earned her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Virginia Tech, in Political Science (Legal Studies Concentration), and Minors in Business Leadership & Spanish.

We are pleased to welcome back our 2018 summer associates, Ian, Brian, Nicole and Evann. They join JSH as law clerks after graduating from law school in May 2019. Bar admission is anticipated October 2019.



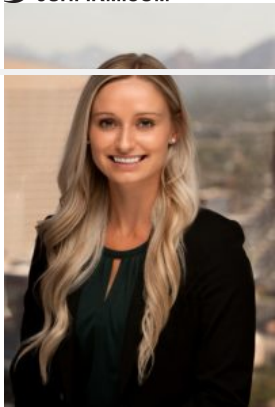
Ian Beck works in the firm's government liability and employment group. He earned his law degree at Michigan State

University College of Law, graduating *magna cum laude* and recognized as a two-time Dean's List Scholar. While at MSU, Ian was a member of the St. Thomas More Society and Latino Law Society, and worked as an Admission Intern for the College of Law. He was also a Finalist for the Donald Nystrom Best Brief Competition for his Advocacy brief, and competed on the MSU Arbitration Team, earning a place at the ABA National Tournament. Combining his passion for law and professional sports, Ian's law school thesis compared Sweden's Court of Arbitration in Sport to the NFL's arbitration proceedings as structured in its collective bargaining agreement. In addition to working at JSH as a summer associate, he gained legal experience as a file support clerk at another Valley law firm, and as a legal extern at a national construction and facility management company. Ian earned his undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, from ASU's W.P. Carey School of Business, where he served as Sports Editor of *The State Press*, as Treasurer of the Sun Devil Mock Trial and was a five-time Mock Trial participant. An alumnus of Brophy College Preparatory, Ian volunteered as an Alumni Head Coach for their Mock Trial on its regional tournament.



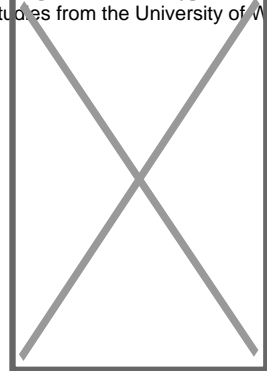
Brian Cuevas works in the firm's transportation, auto and products liability group. While pursuing his J.D. from ASU, he

worked as a legal intern for The Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project, and as a legal extern with the ACLU of Arizona. Brian was also active in his law school community, writing for the *Law Journal for Social Justice*, serving as a Student Ambassador, and being a member of the Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps, Moot Court, Chicano Latino Law Students Association, and Corporate and Business Law Society. He earned top marks in his Legal Research and Writing, and Legal Advocacy courses, and was a recipient of a Merit-Based Tuition Scholarship. Born in Mexico and raised in Arizona, Brian also earned his undergraduate degree from ASU, graduating *summa cum laude* with a Major in Justice Studies and Minor in Philosophy. In 2015, he worked as a legislative intern at the Arizona House of Representatives. With exceptional grades and dedication to higher learning, Brian was the recipient of the Arizona Regent Full-Tuition Scholarship, and was a Dean's List Scholar all eight semesters. Brian is fluent in written and oral Spanish, and is an experienced English-to-Spanish/Spanish-to-English interpreter.



Nicole Prefontaine works in the firm's professional liability, bad faith and complex litigation group. In addition to working as

a summer associate at JSH, Nicole worked as a law clerk at Oxford Life Insurance, a legal extern for the Honorable Danielle Viola, and as a student attorney working on trademark cases at the Lisa Foundation Patent Clinic. Nicole earned her J.D. from ASU, where she also received the CALI Award for her Animal Law course, a Dean's Award for Outstanding Achievement, and was a William H. Pedrick Scholar. Active in the ASU law school community, Nicole helped establish the *Corporate and Business Law Journal*, and served as a Senior Note and Comment Editor of *Jurimetrics*, Vice President of the Animal Legal Defense Fund Student Chapter at ASU, and Secretary of the Corporate and Business Law Society. She also completed the Trial Advocacy Program, and upon graduation, was named a Trial Advocacy Fellow. Before law school, Nicole worked as a case manager and legal assistant with a Chicago-based personal injury firm and as an intern with U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services. Originally from Wisconsin, Nicole earned her undergraduate degree in Legal Studies from the University of Wisconsin – Madison, graduating with Dean's List honors and a certificate in Criminal Justice.



Evann Waschuk works in the firm's transportation, auto, products and general liability trial group. She earned her J.D.

from ASU, and was a member of the Corporate and Business Law Society, and writer and Managing Editor for the *Sports and Entertainment Law Journal* during her 3L. In addition to her legal internships at JSH and with the Community Legal Services Housing Authority, Evann earned top marks in research and writing courses at ASU, including Intensive Legal Research and Writing; Legal Method & Writing; and Legal Advocacy. While pursuing her B.A. in Business Administration from Bellarmine University, Evann played for the Bellarmine Knights women's tennis team, and was named MVP and team captain her senior year. She and her team also earned first place two consecutive years in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, a member of the NCAA Division II. Evann's discipline, skill and hard work earned her the John T. Loftus Award for Athletic and Academic Excellence. She graduated *magna cum laude* and was a Dean's List Scholar.

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With almost 90 lawyers, Jones, Skelton & Hochuli, P.L.C. (JSH) is the largest and most experienced trial defense law firm in Arizona focusing in the areas of insurance and insurance coverage. Our lawyers represent corporations, self-insureds, governmental entities, insurance carriers, and medical malpractice carriers. For additional information, please visit jshfirm.com or call 602.263.1700.

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