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Gillian P. Yee is a principal in the Detroit, Michigan, office of Jackson Lewis P.C. She has extensive experience providing employment-related litigation and counseling services to management clients in a wide range of areas affecting employers.

## Practices

- Advice and Counsel
- Distribution and Warehousing
- Litigation
- Restrictive Covenants, Trade Secrets and Unfair Competition
- Transportation

Gillian defends employers against lawsuits brought under various state and federal employment laws, including the FLSA, FMLA, ADA, ADEA, Title VII, Section 1981, Michigan's equivalent statutes and common laws, and state-specific statutes, such as Michigan's Whistleblowers' Protection Act, Michigan's Payment of Wages and Fringe Benefits Act, and Michigan's Bullard-Plawecki Employee Right to Know Act. Gillian litigates these matters in state and federal courts at the trial and appellate levels, as well as in arbitration.

## Education

- Wayne State University Law School, J.D. 2005
- University of Michigan, B.A. 2002

While Gillian's practice primarily focuses on protecting clients' interests in court (and before government agencies), she regularly partners with in-house counsel and human resources teams to minimize the risk of lawsuits and agency complaints. With a keen understanding of the applicable legal landscape within the context of business needs, Gillian routinely provides employers with practical guidance for addressing specific employee issues, as well as the strategic implementation of personnel policies and procedures. On a daily basis, Gillian advises and counsels clients regarding a myriad of employment issues (including investigations, corrective actions and terminations, final payments of wages and fringe benefits, onboarding new hires, requests for leave and other accommodations, safety complaints, garnishments, and others).

## Admitted to Practice

- 6th Circuit Court of Appeals 2014
- Michigan - E.D. Mich. 2005
- Michigan - W.D. Mich. 2011
- Michigan 2005

Gillian is particularly experienced in the legal nuances and business constraints as they relate to enforcing and invalidating restrictive covenants, such as agreements regarding non-competition, non-solicitation, and non-disclosure/confidentiality (as well as related claims involving tortious interference, misappropriation of trade secrets, civil conspiracy, and statutory conversion). She is well-versed in drafting, reviewing, and providing strategic recommendations regarding such agreements, and routinely prevails at the litigation stage — whether engaged by the client to initiate suit or defend against enforcement.

Passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion, Gillian is looking forward to advancing Jackson Lewis' initiatives in this regard and is honored to have served as a former co-leader of the firm's Asian American resource group (AARG) 2019 to 2024. Before joining Jackson Lewis, was a shareholder at an international employment law firm, where she co-founded and co-chaired the firm's business resource group supporting Asian attorneys and served for five years as her local office's ambassador for diversity and inclusion.

Outside of work, Gillian is active in the Michigan Asian Pacific American Bar Association (MAPABA), which she played an integral role in revitalizing in 2010 after several years of inactivity, serving as its vice president through 2014 and president through 2016.

While attending law school, Gillian served as managing editor for *The Journal of Law in Society*, interned for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) in Detroit, and completed an externship with Justice Robert P. Young, Jr. of the Michigan Supreme Court.

### Honors and Recognitions

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, “Employment Law – Management” (2023–present) and “Litigation – Labor and Employment” (2025)
- *Client Choice*™, “Recognized for Excellence in Client Service” (2018)
- *Legal 500 USA*, “Recommended Attorney” (2020)
- *Michigan Super Lawyers*®, “Rising Stars” (2013–2015) and “Super Lawyers” (2017–2019)

### Published Works

- “The End of Yard-Man: The Beginning of Employers’ Ability to Restructure Retiree Health Care Benefits,” Macomb County Bar Association Bar Briefs (April 2015) [Author]
- “But You’re Not a Person of Color—You’re Asian” (May 2014) [Author]
- “Adverse Action Different for Discrimination and Retaliation Claims,” SHRM.org (April 2014) [Author]
- “Limitations on Public Policy Violation Claims,” Macomb County Bar Association Bar Briefs (April 2014) [Author]
- “Password, Please?: Michigan’s New Law Preventing Employers from Requesting Access to Personal Internet Accounts,” Macomb County Bar Association Bar Briefs (April 2013) [Author]

### Speeches

- “Perspectives on the Profession from Women of Color,” State Bar of Michigan (SBM) Labor and Employment Law Section (Detroit, MI, December 2015) (panelist)
- “Employment Law: Tips to Avoid Legal Pitfalls with Employees,” The Institute of Continuing Legal Education’s (ICLE) First Annual Entrepreneurial Law Institute (Detroit, MI, May 2015) (presenter)
- “My Career Path: It’s All About Making and Maintaining Relationships,” Wayne State University Law School APALSA (Detroit, MI, February 2011) (panelist)
- “Today’s Mobile Workplace And Social Media Sites: What Hazards Lie Ahead?” (Troy, MI, April 2010) (presenter)