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Related Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Commercial Litigation
- Constitutional Law
- Election Law
- Environmental
- Government, Congressional and Corporate Investigations
- Land Use
- Political Law

Mohammad O. Jazil

Partner

Mohammad “Mo” Jazil is a partner with Holtzman Vogel. His broad litigation practice includes state and federal constitutional cases, white-collar criminal matters, government investigations, election disputes, Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act rulemaking and enforcement cases, federal telecommunications matters, Everglades restoration, takings cases, pricing disputes, and general civil appeals. He has served as first chair in federal and state court trials; and briefed and argued dispositive motions and appeals before the federal district courts, state appellate courts, state supreme courts, and the U.S. Court of Appeals. He has also briefed cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Chambers USA calls Mo “a very good thinker,” “fantastic,” and “an excellent litigator.”

Since the summer of 2018, Mo continues to represent Florida’s Governors and Secretaries of State on election-related and redistricting matters before the federal and state trial courts, the Florida Supreme Court, the Eleventh Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court. He served as lead counsel for the State in federal cases filed during the 2018 recount for three statewide races. Of the nineteen federal cases filed against the State since the summer of 2018, where Mohammad served as lead counsel, seventeen cases were dismissed (two after reversal of the district court’s post-trial judgment), and two cases settled.

Mo has also represented the Florida House of Representatives on issues of statewide importance. His work for the House spans two speakerships on issues as varied as cannabis regulation and transportation policy.

Education

- University of Florida, J.D., *cum laude*
 - 3-year merit scholarship
- University of Florida, B.A., *cum laude*
 - 4-year merit scholarship
- University of Florida, B.S., *summa cum laude*
 - 4-year merit scholarship

Bar & Court Admissions

- The Florida Bar
- District of Columbia Bar
- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals (D.C. Circuit, Eleventh Circuit, Fourth Circuit, Sixth Circuit)
- U.S. District Court (District of Columbia, Middle District of Florida, Northern District of Florida, Southern District of Florida)

Representative Matters

- Represents farmers within the Everglades Agricultural Area on environmental issues before the federal courts, the state courts, and

state agencies; this work has included extensive evidentiary proceedings before federal district courts and the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings, and briefing before the Eleventh Circuit and Florida appellate courts.

- Represented major mining companies in Clean Air Act enforcement matters and land use disputes.
- Represented large municipal utilities in Clean Water Act enforcement matters, electric and wastewater utilities in federal and state rulemakings (including eight years of litigation and three trips to the Eleventh Circuit in the numeric nutrient criteria rulemaking under the Clean Water Act).
- Represented municipal interests from eight southeastern states on the Waters of the United States rulemaking.
- Represented both a local government and a telecommunications provider in litigation under the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
- Represented a multinational oil company in litigation arising from allegations of price-gouging.
- Represented a multinational automobile manufacturer in litigation arising from a tax dispute.
- Represented a majority African-American city and city commissioners in defense of a Voting Rights Act claim.
- Represented former U.S. Attorney General Ed Meese as an amicus curiae in a First Amendment case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

U.S. Courts of Appeals

- *League of Women Voters of Fla., Inc. v. Fla. Sec'y of State*, 32 F.4th 1363 (11th Cir. 2022)
- *League of Women Voters of Fla. Inc. v. Fla. Sec'y of State*, 66 F.4th 905 (11th Cir. 2023)
- *Jones v. Governor of Florida*, 975 F.3d 1016 (11th Cir. 2020)
- *Jacobson v. Florida Secretary of State*, 974 F.3d 1236 (11th Cir. 2020)
- *Sierra Club v. FERC*, 867 F.3d 1357 (D.C. Cir. 2017)
- *EME Homer City Generation v. EPA*, 795 F.3d 118 (D.C. Cir. 2015)
- *Florida Wildlife Fed'n v. EPA*, 620 Fed. Appx. 705 (11th Cir. 2015)
- *American Whitewater v. Tidwell*, 770 F.3d 1108 (4th Cir. 2014)
- *EME Homer City Generation v. EPA*, 696 F.3d 7 (D.C. Cir. 2012)

U.S. District Courts

- *League of Women Voters of Florida. Inc. v. Fla. Sec'y of State*, 4:23-cv-165-AW-MAF (N.D. Fla. 2023)
- *Norwegian Hull Club v North Star Fishing Co.*, 5:21-cv-181-RH-MJF (N.D. Fla. 2023)
- *Namphy v. DeSantis*, 2020 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 187811 (N.D. Fla. 2020)
- *Nielsen v. DeSantis*, 2020 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 173158 (N.D. Fla. 2020)
- *Nielsen v. DeSantis*, 2020 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 171742 (N.D. Fla. 2020)
- *Nielsen v. DeSantis*, 2020 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 171773 (N.D. Fla. 2020)
- *Coffie v. Florida Crystals Corp.*, 460 F. Supp. 3d 1291 (S.D. Fla. 2020)
- *VoteVets Action Fund v. Detzner*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 242051 (N.D. Fla. 2018)
- *Sen. Comm. v. Detzner*, 347 F. Supp. 3d 1033 (N.D. Fla. 2018)
- *Ex. Comm. v. Detzner*, 347 F. Supp. 3d 1017 (N.D. Fla. 2018)
- *Alford v. Walton Cnty*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 173271 (N.D. Fla. 2018)
- *Alford v. Walton Cnty*, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 215435 (N.D. Fla. 2017)
- *TowerCom v. College Park*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 126534 (N.D. Ga. 2013)

- *Cingular Wireless v. Tallahassee*, 856 F. Supp. 2d 1244 (N.D. Fla. 2012)
- *Florida Wildlife Fed'n v. Jackson*, 853 F. Supp. 2d 1138 (N.D. Fla. 2012)
- *United States v. SFWMD*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 163708 (S.D. Fla. 2011)

Florida Supreme Court

- *Advisory Op. to the Gov. Re: Implementation of Amend. 4*, 288 So. 3d 1070 (Fla. 2020)
- *Hardee Cnty. v. FINR II*, 221 So. 3d 1162 (Fla. 2017)
- *SJRWMD v. Kootnz*, 77 So. 3d 1220 (Fla. 2011)

Florida Courts of Appeals

- *Byrd v. Black Voters Matter Capacity Bldg. Inst., Inc.*, 339 So. 3d 1070 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023)
- *Oliva v. Fla. Wildlife Fed'n*, 281 So. 3d 531 (Fla. 1st DCA 2019)
- *Lundquist v. Lee Cnty.*, 236 So. 3d 994 (Fla. 1st DCA 2017)
- *Villages of Avignon v. Burton*, 215 So. 3d 127 (Fla. 2d DCA 2017)
- *Putnam Cnty. Environmental Council v. SJRWMD*, 197 So. 3d 558 (Fla. 1st DCA 2016)
- *Save the Homosassa v. DEP*, 169 So. 3d 1168 (Fla. 1st DCA 2015)
- *DOR v. General Motors*, 104 So. 3d 1191 (Fla. 1st DCA 2012)
- *Exxon Mobil v. DACS*, 50 So. 3d 755 (Fla. 1st DCA 2010)

News & Insights

- Mo Jazil to Speak at the Florida Law Review 2024 Dunwoody Lecture
- Mo Jazil to Speak at AAPC Southern Regional Conference on Election 2024 Insights
- Holtzman Vogel Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America 2024
- Ten Holtzman Vogel Attorneys Listed by Super Lawyers 2023
- Holtzman Vogel Recognized by Chambers USA for Political Law, Environmental Law and Land Use
- Holtzman Vogel Announces Florida Expansion

Community Involvement

- First District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission (2018 – 2022), Past Chair and Vice Chair, Nominated by the Florida Bar and Appointed by Governor Rick Scott
- Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel (2019), Appointed by Chief Judge Walker of the Northern District of Florida
- American Bar Association
- American Chemical Society (past member)
- Beta Gamma Sigma
- Connect Florida Class I

Awards & Recognition

- *Chambers USA*, 2020-2023
- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2022-2024
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, "Rising Star," 2013-2023
- *Florida Trend Magazine*, "Up & Coming Legal Elite," 2018-2022
- Ocala Truck and Tractor Pull, First Place Finish, 2016