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Jeff focuses his practice in product liability and toxic torts, complex litigation, class action defense, and internal investigations.



Industries

Consumer Products

Practices

Product Liability & Mass Torts
— Toxic Torts
— Trials & Appeals

Education

New York University School of Law, JD, 2005
Georgetown University, BSFS, 2000

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Jeff has represented a diverse group of clients in a variety of industries, including consumer products, construction, manufacturing, financial services, telecommunications, transportation, technology, nonprofits, and health care. He has practiced in trial and appellate courts throughout the United States, successfully defending clients in multimillion dollar product and premises liability cases, class action lawsuits brought under consumer protection and unfair competition statutes in states around the country, and premises and website accessibility claims under federal and state law, among many other areas of litigation.

Jeff also advises his clients on how to effectively manage litigation, always with an eye on how best to serve the clients' businesses and protect their brands and reputations. He knows how to get the best result in a particular case, whether that involves litigating to final judgment, resolving a claim before a lawsuit is filed, or anything in between. Clients seek out Jeff for his combination of winning litigation skills and keen understanding of business needs.

Client Work

- National counsel to a major companies in asbestos personal injury lawsuits around the country.
- General counsel for nationwide fraternal organization, providing advice on litigation, internal governance, trademark, real estate, employment, and public relations issues.
- Representation of products manufacturers and premises owners in asbestos and silica personal injury lawsuits.
- Representation of consumer and juvenile products manufacturers in putative class actions related to product marketing and labeling.
- Representation of clients in connection with website accessibility claims under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and similar state statutes.
- Representation of state and local chapters of religious and fraternal organizations in lawsuits around the country concerning control of real property.
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Representation of consumer electronics product manufacturer in fire investigations, product liability lawsuits, and premises liability lawsuits.

- Internal investigation on behalf of a medical device manufacturer in response to an FDA warning letter following an allegation that the manufacturer's product caused the death of a patient.
- Counseling an international medical device manufacturer about products liability risks involved with contemplated implantable devices to be introduced to the US market.
- Representation of a nationwide debt collector in class actions alleging violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), 47 U.S.C. § 227, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.*, and various state statutes regulating debt collection calls.
- Representation of a large investment bank in an arbitration involving a dispute over non-payment of the bank's fee following successful completion of a $20 million round of financing.
- Representation of a plaintiff alleging civil rights violations against the police department of a major US city in three-week federal jury trial resulting in an award of compensatory and punitive damages.

Previous Work

Prior to joining ArentFox Schiff, Jeff was an attorney in the Washington office of an international law firm.

Boards, Memberships & Certifications

- American Bar Association

Professional Activities

Jeff has represented a number of clients in pro bono matters, including domestic relations cases, lawsuits involving civil rights violations, and applications for political asylum.

Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

Recognitions

- Washington DC Rising Star, Thomson Reuters' *Washington DC Super Lawyers* (2014-2015)

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
California

Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit
US Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit
US Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit
US Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
US District Court, District of Columbia
US District Court, District of Maryland
US District Court, Central District of California
US District Court, Northern District of California
US District Court, Southern District of California
US District Court, Eastern District of California
US District Court, Northern District of Illinois
US District Court, Eastern District of Michigan