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Jeff's practice involves investigating and litigating large loss claims in both state and federal courts on behalf of the firm's many national insurance clients.

He also has substantial experience in the areas of professional liability, general commercial litigation, and fee dispute litigation matters. Jeff has represented clients in all phases of litigation at both the trial and appellate levels. His professional liability and general commercial litigation experience includes the defense of attorneys, individuals, law firms, and corporations. Jeff has also represented and counseled numerous insurers, law firms, and individuals involved in legal fee disputes.

Jeff is the web editor for the Trial Practice Committee for the Section of Litigation of the American Bar Association. He also serves on the board of directors for the Center for Enriched Living, a nonprofit organization serving teens and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In addition, Jeff coordinates all of the Chicago office pro bono legal services.

Jeff earned his law degree from IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law in 2002 and his undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois in 1999.

## Practice Areas

- Subrogation & Recovery
- Commercial Litigation
- Professional Liability
- Privacy Litigation – Emerging Trends

## Industry Sectors

- Cannabis

## Education

- Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D., 2002
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, B.A., 1999

## Bar Admissions

- Illinois

## Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

## Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Web Editor, Trial Practice Committee, Section of Litigation
- Board of Directors, Center for Enriched Living
- Chicago Bar Association

## Awards & Honors

- Leading Lawyers Illinois "Emerging Lawyer" 2015-2016
- Super Lawyers "Rising Star" 2013-2017

## Experience

Obtained a verdict and judgment totaling more than \$6 million in Dallas County, Texas following a bench trial for a builder's risk insurer in a case involving electrical damage to an apartment complex caused by the negligence of an electric utility company. The electric utility company's highest offer before trial was \$300,000. The case subsequently settled pursuant to a confidential settlement agreement.

Won summary judgment on behalf of an insurance company client alleged to have violated the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) when it refused to pay the plaintiff a portion of his deceased wife's life insurance benefit, and instead made the payout to the primary beneficiaries she had designated. In granting our motion for summary judgment, and denying the plaintiff's cross-motion, the court reasoned that the plaintiff's speculation that a conspiracy existed to cover up an internal change to the plan documents removing him as a primary beneficiary did not create a genuine issue of material fact, and held that the company's practices and procedures in administering its employee benefit plan satisfied its duties under ERISA and were properly followed.

Achieved victory in a FINRA arbitration on behalf of a major investment bank and one of its financial advisors. The dispute centered on the advisor's former employer's allegations of violation of the Illinois Trade Secrets Protection Act, breach of contract, and tortious interference after several former clients transferred their accounts to our clients. A central legal question was whether the plaintiff's attempt to foreclose its former employee from using his recollection of client names to contact them, after the expiration of a contractual non-solicitation period, sought to create a lifetime ban on competition that is illegal and against public policy.

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