

## JEFFREY P. BATES

SENIOR COUNSEL



### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Health Care Liability  
Long-Term Care Liability  
General Liability  
Product Liability

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### ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania  
1989

### EDUCATION

Villanova University School of Law  
(J.D., 1989)

Carnegie-Mellon University  
(B.F.A., with honors, 1981)

University of Denver (1976-1978)

### HONORS & AWARDS

Arts and Business Council of  
Greater Philadelphia, PVLA  
volunteer of the year award, 1997,  
2010

AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-  
Hubbell®

Philadelphia Baptist Association,  
Regional Outreach Award, 1998

Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for  
the Arts, Outstanding Service  
Award  
1997, 2010

### OVERVIEW

As a member of the Health Care Liability Practice Group, Jeffrey concentrates his practice in the defense of medical/dental malpractice, products liability and premises liability claims. In his career to date, Jeff has worked on several hundred medical and dental malpractice cases. He also handles large-scale personal injury claims arising from construction accidents and explosions.

Jeff has represented doctors, dentists, physician assistants, certified registered nurse practitioners and nurses in a multitude of malpractice actions. He has also represented doctors, dentists, nurses, psychologists, therapists and social workers before their various licensing boards. He has successfully litigated several matters before Administrative Law Judges, obtaining favorable outcomes for his clients, and has also been successful in negotiating dismissal of actions without any discipline. Additionally, Jeff has handled mass tort actions involving drug studies, medical device cases and pharmaceutical actions. He has also represented veterinarians in various legal actions.

Jeff has taken 35 cases to trial, 15 of which were tried to jury. He received 14 defense verdicts in his jury trials and a high percentage of defense verdicts in his bench trials. A high percentage of the remaining case outcomes consisted of settlements or verdicts significantly below the settlement demands. Through the creative use of medical, vocational, life care and accident reconstruction experts, Jeff's team was able to reduce demand from \$20 million to \$6 million. Jeff has also handled more than 30 arbitrations and 10 mediations. In addition, he successfully resolved a tort action with potential exposure of \$8-\$10 million by convincing the plaintiff that our client was not liable for injury causing quadriplegia in a 21-year-old.

Jeff is involved in various professional, civic and cultural organizations. He is active in the Philadelphia Bar Association's Professional Responsibility Committee. In 1997 and again in 2010, he was the recipient of the Outstanding Service Award from the Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts. In 1998, Jeff received the Regional Outreach Award from the Philadelphia Baptist Association. He was elected as a member of the Abington School District Board of Directors for the 2002-2005, 2006-2009 and 2010-2013 terms. He has also dedicated time and energy to the Abington Educational Foundation and has participated in the Philadelphia VIP program. In addition to his professional and community service activities, Jeff enjoys cycling, playing the horn and beekeeping.

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## ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Abington School District, member, Board of School Directors, 2002-2005; 2006-2009; 2010-2013

Philadelphia Bar Association, Professional Responsibility Committee

Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts

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## YEAR JOINED

2002

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

### Reshaping Applicability of The Pennsylvania Fair Share Act: The Impact of *Spencer v. Johnson*

**Philadelphia - Headquarters Health Care Liability**

**November 1, 2024**

Under Pennsylvania law, a defendant's exposure in a multi-defendant case depends upon more than just the extent of fault and total damages at stake. The Quarterly Dose

### CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

*Anatomy of a Lawsuit*, Pennsylvania Prosthodontic Association annual meeting, June 2-3, 2023

*Is The Fair Share Act Really That Fair?*, Marshall Dennehey Health Care and Health Law Seminar, November 9, 2017

*Medical Legal Implications of Syncope: When Can You Drive After a Syncopal Event*, Cardiovascular Institute's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual New Paradigms in Arrhythmia Management, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 26, 2015

*Medical Documentation* – Class for Nurses

### PUBLISHED WORKS

"When is 50/50 Enough to Win?," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 18, No. 2, June 2012

"The Class Action Lacks Class," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 16, No. 2, June 2010 and Mondaq.com, May 23, 2011

"Mental Health And Collateral Jurisdiction: Perfect Together," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 10, No. 1, March 2004