

## JEREMY J. ZACHARIAS, RPLU

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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Miscellaneous Professional Liability  
Commercial Litigation  
Consumer Financial Services Litigation & Compliance  
Lawyers' Professional Liability  
Disciplinary Board Representation  
Privacy & Data Security  
Intellectual Property, Technology & Media Litigation

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### ADMISSIONS

New Jersey  
2014

Pennsylvania  
2014

U.S. District Court of New Jersey  
2014

U.S. District Court Eastern District  
of Pennsylvania  
2023

### EDUCATION

Rutgers, The State University of  
New Jersey School of Law-  
Camden (J.D., cum laude, 2014)

Drexel University, Lebow College  
of Business (B.S., magna cum  
laude, 2011)

### OVERVIEW

Jeremy is a member of the Professional Liability Department where he represents and defends attorneys, accountants, insurance producers, corporate directors and officers, and financial institutions, among other clients.

Jeremy also represents clients in privacy and data breach matters and handles cases involving intellectual property, copyright and trademark infringement, as well as trade secret, trade dress technology and media-related litigation.

He is an active member of the Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS) where he is an alumnus of its Leadership and Mentoring Program (LAMP). Through PLUS, Jeremy achieved his Registered Professional Liability Underwriting (RPLU) Certification. He also completed training at PLUS University and served as a member of a PLUS task force to revitalize curriculum and to address current trends in the professional liability insurance marketplace. Jeremy is also an active member of Future PLUS and serves on its Leadership Committee and the Mid Atlantic Chapter Committee.

Jeremy graduated *magna cum laude* from Drexel University's LeBow College of Business. He earned his *juris doctor* from Rutgers University School of Law, graduating *cum laude* and in the top 15 percent of his class.

He is an active member of the New Jersey State, Camden County, and Burlington County Bar Associations. He is a frequent guest speaker at his alma mater, Rutgers University School of Law, on topics including professionalism and career development. He is also active in the Knights of Columbus organization in his community.

Jeremy is admitted to the bars of the states of New Jersey and Pennsylvania and is admitted to practice in federal court in both the District of New Jersey and the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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## HONORS & AWARDS

The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®, Commercial Litigation 2021-2025

*The Best Lawyers list is issued by Woodward & White. A description of the selection methodology can be found [here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.*

New Jersey Super Lawyer Rising Stars 2024

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PLUS Emerging Leader Award, from the Professional Liability Underwriting Society 2021

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## ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Camden County Bar Association

Professional Liability Underwriting Society

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## YEAR JOINED

2014

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

### Jeremy J. Zacharias Elected to the Board of Trustees of the Professional Liability Underwriting Society

Lawyers' Professional Liability  
November 12, 2024  
Jeremy J.  
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### Legal Updates for Lawyers' Professional Liability - CASE LAW UPDATE

**Mount Laurel**  
**Lawyers' Professional Liability**  
**September 1, 2024**

Appellate Division affirms summary judgment to law firm, finding that plaintiff's expert report was devoid of any evidence establishing the standard of care providing the benchmark for the opinions offered. Legal Update for Lawyers' Professional Liability – September 2024 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent legal developments

### Insurance Agent Skorrs Victory in New Jersey's Appellate Division

**Mount Laurel**  
**Philadelphia - Headquarters**  
**Insurance Agents & Brokers Liability**  
**July 16, 2024**

### Jack Slimm and Jeremy Zacharias Win Pivotal NJ Appellate Decision Impacting the Defense of Plaintiff's Counsel in Legal Malpractice Actions

**Mount Laurel**  
**Lawyers' Professional Liability**  
**May 22, 2024**

In an appellate decision impacting the defense of the plaintiff's bar in legal malpractice actions, Jack Slimm and Jeremy Zacharias were successful in defending an appeal in the matter of DeCaro v. Elkind & DiMento, A-2707-22 (App. Legal Update for Lawyers' Professional Liability – May 22, 2024)

### Strategic Defenses to Appellate Malpractice Claims

**Mount Laurel**  
**Lawyers' Professional Liability**  
**Appellate Advocacy & Post-Trial Practice**  
**April 19, 2024**

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS TAUGHT

*Solving Problems in Commercial Real Estate Transactions - 21st Century Ethical Issues in Commercial Real Estate Transactions, NJICLE Seminar, July 18, 2024*

*The Defense of Appellate Counsel in Legal Malpractice Actions, Client Webinar, June 4, 2024*

*Commercial Real Estate Transactions: From Handshake to Closing - Ethical Considerations with Commercial Real Estate Transactions, NJICLE Seminar, September 8, 2023*

*Strategic Approaches to Handling Lost Profit Claims Under New Jersey's New Business Rule, Client Webinar, September 7, 2023*

*Virtual Jury Trials in New Jersey: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly, Client Webinar, March 25, 2022*

## **PUBLISHED WORKS**

"Insurance Agent Skorr's Victory in New Jersey's Appellate Division," *PLUS Blog*, July 16, 2024

"Strategic Defenses to Appellate Malpractice Claims," *PLUS Blog*, April 19, 2024

"Strategy is Key for Opening Statements and Closing Arguments," *New Jersey Lawyer*, June 2021

"The Impact of COVID-19 on the Global IPO Marketplace," *PLUS Blog*, March 15, 2021

"The Liability of Trial Counsel for Strategic and Tactical Judgments Made During Trial," *New Jersey Law Journal Professional Malpractice Supplement* (page 6), January 13, 2020

"Attorneys' Ignorance of New Jersey's eCourts System Is No Defense to Failure to Follow the Amended New Jersey Court Rules," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 25, No. 3, September 2019

"How to Avoid Liability For Your Clients' Representations," *New Jersey Law Journal, Professional Malpractice Supplement*, January 9, 2019

"Counsel Fees: When an Attorney's Pledge of Anticipated Counsel Fees Can Be Considered an Account Receivable," *Defense Digest*, December 2018, Vol. 24, No. 4

"The Immunity of Attorneys for the Occasional Bad Result," *New Jersey Law Journal, Professional Malpractice Supplement*, January 15, 2018

*Case Law Alerts*, regular contributor, January 2018-present

"When Attorney Fees Can Be Awarded in Legal Mal Actions Brought by Non-Clients," *New Jersey Law Journal*, January 24, 2017

"The Implications of New Jersey's Limitation of the Fee Shifting Standards," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 22, No. 3, September 2016

"Are New Jersey Courts Modifying the Affidavit of Merit Requirements in Professional Malpractice Cases?," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 21, No. 2, June 2015

## **MEDIA COMMENTARY**

"RPLU Designee Testimonials - An Interview With Jeremy Zacharias," *PLUS Publishing*, March 2022

"Interview With LAMP Alumni," *PLUS Blog*, September 21, 2020

## **PRO BONO ACTIVITIES**

Jeremy represented an indigent defendant facing prison time for violating a final restraining order for contacting his ex-girlfriend in Gloucester County, New Jersey. Jeremy was able to obtain a dismissal of this case since his client had no prior violations and was able to maintain steady employment.

## RESULTS

### Dismissal Affirmed Obtained in a Lawyers' Professional Liability Case

#### **Securities & Investments Professional Liability**

#### **Lawyers' Professional Liability**

#### **Appellate Advocacy & Post-Trial Practice**

**June 5, 2024**

We secured an Appellate Division decision affirming the trial court's order dismissing a fraud and fraudulent concealment case filed against various attorneys and broker dealers. In its decision, the Appellate Division agreed with the trial court's orders and opinions dismissing the case based on entire controversy, collateral estoppel and litigation privilege grounds.

### Verdict Affirmed in Complex Legal Malpractice Case

#### **Lawyers' Professional Liability**

**February 16, 2024**

We won a decision from the Superior Court of New Jersey Appellate Division, which affirmed an order for summary judgment in a complex multi-party legal malpractice action. This case involved financial ventures that led to two legal malpractice actions. The dismissal was affirmed, with the Appellate Division agreeing with the trial judge that the plaintiff's expert reports were net opinions and inadmissible.

### Summary Judgment Obtained in a Federal Copyright Case

#### **Intellectual Property, Technology & Media Litigation**

**July 27, 2023**

We secured summary judgment in a four-year-old federal copyright matter filed against a national publication for elementary school principals. The plaintiff alleged that her work was improperly published because it was plagiarized. Through discovery, we were able to prove that this article was authored outside of the three-year statute of limitations.

### Dismissal of ethics grievance against attorney.

#### **Disciplinary Board Representation**

**December 12, 2022**

We obtained a dismissal of an ethics grievance against a matrimonial attorney in northern New Jersey. The ethics grievance alleged that money in the grievant's trust account was improperly handled since the ledger cards were completed incorrectly. Upon interviewing our client, the ethics investigator determined that no ethical violation was present since the money at issue was fully accounted for in the Trust account, despite the allegations by the grievant.

### Defense verdict for New York law firm in legal malpractice jury trial.

#### **Lawyers' Professional Liability**

**December 5, 2022**

In this case the plaintiff, after receiving legal invoices from our client, filed a legal malpractice complaint alleging fraudulent billing. At trial, the legal malpractice claims against our client were dismissed, leaving the fee claim we asserted in the counterclaim to be decided by the jury. The jury rendered a verdict in our favor within 15 minutes for the full amount of the invoices owed to the firm, \$244,759.59.