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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

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 currently serves on the Board of Trustees. He is an alumnus of its Leadership and Mentoring Program (LAMP). Through PLUS, Jeremy achieved his Registered Professional Liability Underwriting (RPLU) Certification. He also serves on the PLUS 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 and at Drexel University's LeBow College of Business, 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.

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)

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

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Burlington County Bar Association

Camden County Bar Association

New Jersey State Bar Association

Professional Liability Underwriting Society

YEAR JOINED

2014

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

New Jersey Appellate Division Affirms Dismissal of Legal Malpractice Suit, Citing Collateral Estoppel and Inadmissible Expert Testimony

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July 1, 2025

After a Rule 104 hearing, the judge barred the plaintiff's expert's opinions as being net and inadmissible. Case Law Alerts, 3rd Quarter, July 2025 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent developments of interest to our readers.

Jack Slimm and Jeremy Zacharias Successfully Defend Appeal of Equitable Distribution Legal Malpractice Action in New Jersey

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June 17, 2025

Jack Slimm and Jeremy Zacharias successfully defended the appeal of an equitable distribution legal malpractice action in New Jersey where they had also prevailed at the trial court level. In Pennetti v. Zeigler, A-1680-23 (App. Div. Legal Update for Lawyers' Professional Liability - June 17, 2025, has been prepared for our readers by Marshall Dennehey.

New Jersey Revises Jury Charge on Proximate Cause in Legal Malpractice—Based on Case Handled by Jack Slimm and Jeremy Zacharias

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Lawyers' Professional Liability
April 23, 2025

A recent update to New Jersey's Model Civil Jury Charges marks a significant development in legal malpractice law—and directly reflects the work of attorneys in our Mount Laurel, New Jersey office, Jack Slimm and Jeremy Zacharias. Legal Update for Lawyers' Professional Liability - April 23, 2025, has been prepared for our readers by Marshall Dennehey.

Legal Updates for Lawyers' Professional Liability - CASE LAW UPDATE

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Appeals Court Revives \$4M Legal Malpractice Suit After Standing Challenge William J. Focazio, M.D., et al. v. Joseph S. Aboyoun, Esq., et al., NJ. Super. App. Div., A-3587-22, February 24, 2025
Legal Updates for Lawyers' Professional Liability – April 2025 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent legal developments of

John 'Jack' Slimm and Jeremy Zacharias Secure Key New Jersey Appellate Win in Legal Malpractice Action

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January 13, 2025

A decision impacting the defense of such actions from damages claims by new businesses Legal Update for Lawyers' Professional Liability – January 13, 2025,

CLASSES AND SEMINARS TAUGHT

PLUS Podcast: Insurance Agent E&O - Top Ten Tips for Risk Management Series, Episode 1, June 9, 2025

From Interview to Offer: Navigating Clerkships, Networking & Career Success - Panelist, Rutgers Law School Minority Student Program, February 12, 2025

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

"Opportunity Knocks: Modern Trends With Business Email Compromise in a Changing Cyber World," *New Jersey Law Journal*, November 27, 2024

"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.