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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

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 the District of New Jersey.

HONORS & AWARDS

The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®, Commercial Litigation 2021-2024

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

Camden County Bar Association

Professional Liability Underwriting Society

YEAR JOINED

2014

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

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**

Marshall Dennehey Announces 2024 New Jersey Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

March 26, 2024

Six attorneys from Marshall Dennehey's Mount Laurel and Roseland, New Jersey offices have been selected to the 2024 edition of New Jersey Super Lawyers magazine.

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Legal Updates for Lawyers' Professional Liability - CASE LAW UPDATE

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

In Law Office of Drew J. Bauman v. Hanover Insurance Company, 2023 WL 2238552 (D.N.J. February 27, 2023), the plaintiffs maintained a professional liability insurance policy with the Hanover defendants from October 2017 to October 2019. Legal Update for Lawyers' Professional Liability – February 2024 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent legal developments

New Jersey District Court Affirms Irrelevance of Breach of Contract Claims in Cases Involving Woerner Actions.

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

The plaintiffs had maintained a professional liability insurance policy with Hanover from October 2017 to October 2019. They alleged that the policy was secured through USI, an insurance broker. Case Law Alerts, 1st Quarter, January 2024 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent developments of interest to our readers.

PUBLISHED WORKS

"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

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.

Plaintiff strikes out when Marshall Dennehey represents baseball league.

Commercial Litigation

November 10, 2022

We obtained summary judgment on behalf of our client, an amateur baseball league located in Monmouth County, New Jersey. In this matter, the plaintiff, an umpire assigner, filed a lawsuit alleging improper breach of contract, tortious interference and conspiracy to cut this assigner out of his company. The plaintiff also maintained a cause of action for emotional distress and punitive damages.