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Jeff Lutsky is a well-known litigator, having tried to conclusion more than 75 trials and arbitrations. Jeff concentrates his practice on complex and often high-stakes litigation, and has been recognized by numerous leading trial organizations for his effective advocacy.

In addition to his active litigation practice, Jeff has served as the firm's managing partner since January 2005 and is responsible for articulating and implementing the strategic vision and direction of the firm, including oversight of the firm's primary and regional offices and leadership of various firm initiatives in the areas of lateral partner recruitment, technology and diversity.

Jeff's litigation experience spans a wide range of complex commercial, civil and criminal cases. He routinely represents signature Stradley clients in merger and acquisition disputes; defense of federal securities claims; health care disputes; employment disputes; ERISA claims; shareholder, partnership and derivative claims; class actions; products liability and wrongful death cases; and business torts. He also regularly represents clients, especially those in regulated industries, who are targets, subjects or witnesses in federal or state grand jury proceedings.

RESULTS

- obtained complete dismissal with prejudice of a class action and derivative suit brought by a shareholder seeking to enjoin a \$244 million merger between two public company banks
- received a unanimous arbitration award for breach of contract in favor of a public company client in a complex merger & acquisition dispute, which resulted in rejection of a sellers' final purchase price calculation and savings of approximately \$25 million
- obtained a defense judgment for a public company defendant in a securities fraud 10b-5 trial
- obtained an \$8 million jury verdict, following a five-week federal court trial, for a local health care distributor of high-tech medical equipment against a Fortune 500 company for breach of contract, interference with contractual relations and punitive damages
- obtained a \$6.6 million arbitration award for a national engineering firm against the City of Scranton and a neighboring borough, arising out of a termination of a privatization agreement for sewer and water services

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FOCUS

Complex Commercial & Class Action Litigation
Health Care Litigation
White-Collar Defense, Internal Investigations & Corporate Compliance
Securities Litigation & Enforcement
Real Estate Litigation
Litigation
Education
Food & Beverage
Special Situations

BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
Massachusetts

COURTS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

EDUCATION

J.D., Villanova University School of Law
B.A., University of Massachusetts

MEMBERSHIPS

American Board of Trial Advocates
Business Litigation Committee, Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Directors and Past Chairman, Greater Philadelphia YMCA
Chairman, Board of Trustees of the University of the Arts
Fellow, American Bar Foundation
Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America Trial Lawyer Honorary Society



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- obtained a complete defense award, including reimbursement of all attorneys' fees and costs, for a selling shareholder wrongfully accused of fraud and breach of contract in connection with the sale of an electrical contracting company in New York City
- successfully handled several significant and widely publicized Orphans' Court trials, hearings and appeals for a charitable trust regarding the finances, administration and operation of The Barnes Foundation
- procured an award of more than \$5 million in favor of two health system clients in a joint venture dispute with another health system
- obtained an award of \$1.67 million, plus payment of attorneys' fees and costs, and denial of defendant's counterclaim of \$1.5 million, in a construction-related contract dispute between former joint-venture partners

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Presenter, "Fall Nonprofit: Taking the Lead on Leadership Succession," Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce

RECOGNITIONS

- *Philadelphia Business Journal*, "2017 Outstanding Directors"
- Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
- Member, American Board of Trial Advocates
- *Chambers USA: Leading Lawyers for Business*, listed for Pennsylvania general commercial litigation
 - *Chambers* states that "'excellent litigator' Jeffrey Lutsky is praised by one impressed client, who comments: 'He does a good job of putting strengths and weaknesses into context, to help me assess how to make tough decisions.'"
- *The Best Lawyers in America*
- *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*
- *Martindale-Hubbell*, AV Preeminent rating
- YMCA, Volunteer of the Year award

IN THE COMMUNITY

Jeff is chairman of the board of trustees of the University of the Arts in Philadelphia and a board member of the Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia. He is past chairman of the board of directors of the Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA and remains on the board of that organization.

Jeff was chosen as one of the *Philadelphia Business Journal's* "2017 Outstanding Directors" for his work with both the University of the Arts and the YMCA. The awards celebrate Philadelphia-area directors who are committed and tireless in the pursuit of excellence, and who have demonstrated the vital leadership and business savvy necessary to help guide their businesses' success. In 2011 he was honored with the YMCA's "Volunteer of the Year" award, which recognized Jeff for his generosity of spirit, hard work and compassion for others.

MEMBERSHIPS

The Historical Societies of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and for the Federal Circuit Leadership Council on Legal Diversity National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

