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Jeff is an accomplished appellate lawyer whose vast experience representing clients in complex appeals has taken him from the state level to the U.S. Supreme Court. His efforts have helped shape the law and produced notable successes on behalf of the firm's clients.

Jeff is a Partner in the Appellate Practice Group within the firm's Litigation Department. He handles both complex civil appeals and legal motions in the trial courts. His appeals have involved constitutional issues, insurance, product liability, securities, medical and other professional malpractice, breach of contract, fraud, other business and personal torts, and labor relations. Insurers have retained Jeff to pursue appeals on behalf of healthcare providers in some of the largest medical malpractice verdicts ever in Connecticut.

Jeff routinely assists trial counsel, both within Wiggin and Dana and at other firms, on complex legal motions before, during, and after trial and on tasks for preserving issues for appeal in the trial court. Jeff is often retained to pursue or defend appeals in cases tried by other law firms. He also has an active administrative appeals practice, representing regulated companies in the judicial review of federal and state agency action for health care, telecommunications, and energy clients. He has authored both party and amicus briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court as well as prepared advocates for oral argument before that Court. He has handled appeals in federal and state courts throughout the country.

Benchmark Litigation has named Jeff a "Litigation Star," *Best Lawyers* in America gave him "Lawyer of the Year" honors for his appellate work, and he is consistently listed as a Connecticut Super Lawyer. Jeff is a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, and he co-chaired the Connecticut Bar Association's Appellate Advocacy Section. By appointment of Connecticut's Chief Justice, he serves on the State's Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules. In 2020, he was elected to the Board of the Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association. Jeff has authored numerous articles for the *Connecticut Law Tribune* and frequently lectures at seminars on appellate law and procedure.

Before joining Wiggin and Dana, Jeff practiced law in Washington, D.C., working on complex civil litigation in courts and administrative agencies.

He received his J.D. from Stanford University and his B.S. *magna cum laude* in economics from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Education

- Stanford Law School (J.D., 1984)
- University of Pennsylvania (B.S., 1981)
    - magna cum laude

Bar Admissions

- Connecticut
- District of Columbia

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. District Court (District of Columbia)
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court (District of Connecticut)
- 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 Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Memberships and Affiliations

- American Academy of Appellate Lawyers
- American Bar Association
- Connecticut Bar Association, Appellate Advocacy, Litigation, Administrative Law and Federal Practice sections
- Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association
- District of Columbia Bar

Publications

June 29, 2023
Supreme Court Update: Mallory v. Norfolk Southern Railway Co. (No. 21-1168), Counterman v. Colorado (No. 22-138), Coinbase, Inc. v. Bielski (No. 22-105)

June 20, 2023
Supreme Court Update: Health & Hospital Corp. of Marion County v. Talevski (No. 21-806), Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians v. Coughlin (No. 22-227), Smith v. United States (No. 21-1576)

November 21, 2016
Courts Have Redefined Hospital Liability for the Malpractice of Independent Physicians
Connecticut Law Tribune

June 15, 2016
Connecticut Supreme Court Permits Tort Liability for the Acts of an Apparent (Not Actual) Agent

December 18, 2015
Supreme Court Shuts Down Consumer Class Action And Requires Individual Arbitration Of Claims

July 20, 2015
Connecticut General Assembly Enacts Reforms to Medicaid Audit Statute

June 20, 2015
Supreme Court Update: Reed v. Town of Gilbert (13-502) and Walker v. Texas Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. (14-144)

May 11, 2015
Bystander Emotional Distress Claims Permitted in Med-Mal Suits
Connecticut Law Tribune

April 22, 2015
Connecticut Supreme Court Recognizes a Limited Cause of Action for Bystander Emotional Distress in Medical Malpractice Lawsuits

June 20, 2013
Connecticut Supreme Court Resolves Insurance Coverage for Fatal Nursing Home Fire

January 3, 2011
Opening the Windows of the Appellate Courthouse
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November 8, 2010
Jury Documents Are Key To Appellate Review
Connecticut Law Tribune, Vol. 36, No. 45

November 9, 2009
Placing an Added Burden on the Plaintiff
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Healthcare Liability Smorgasbord Poses Challenge

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