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OVERVIEW

Jeff is an appellate attorney who resolves clients' toughest legal questions and cases.

Jeff's legal career began at the very heart of appellate work in Texas: after law school, he clerked in the First Court of Appeals in Houston, just as the historic *Pennzoil Co. v. Texaco* case was taking place. Houston quickly became a major epicenter for appellate matters, and Jeff soon focused his practice exclusively on litigating appeals.

A natural researcher and writer, Jeff enjoys complex legal issues including business disputes, media defense, probate matters, political controversies and bankruptcy issues. His passion is difficult cases, and the nature of appeals often means that he works with the same case for years at a time. He aims to develop long-term relationships with clients, and he's proud of the successful resolutions he has reached on many complex matters.

Jeff has a true talent for grasping the legal questions and arguments on both sides of a case, and his tendency toward perfectionism means that he understands the case exceptionally well. This understanding and perspective help him develop the best argument possible: clients often say that Jeff tells their story better than they could ever tell it themselves.

Featured Experience

A Long-Term Victory

When an energy company sold a large piece of commercial property to a real estate developer, the property came with deed restrictions that had been in place

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prior to the company's ownership. Unfortunately, the developer later learned that these restrictions would preclude his plans to build a retail shopping center, and the developer sued the seller for failing to lift the restrictions before the sale.

Jeff went to bat for the energy company, arguing that restrictions they had inherited from a parent company were not their legal responsibility. Large sums of money were at stake, and multiple parties were involved, leading to a long trial. Jeff persistently fought for the client for nearly a decade, eventually leading the energy company to victory in most of the litigation. All of the other parties had major losses at the end, and Jeff's client was the only party successful on appeal.

Since then, Jeff has been litigating attorneys' fee issues for the client, an ongoing fight that has been largely successful.

Experience

- Won Fifth Circuit appeal brought by guarantor seeking to invalidate judgment in favor of Texas lender client. The initially straightforward matter involved a collection on commercial guaranty, but quickly became complicated with multi-state litigation and emerging public policy considerations.
- Achieved victory at Texas Supreme Court for staffing company against temporary workers' claims that they did not electronically execute an arbitration agreement despite comprehensive evidence of the staffing company's onboarding system. The ruling is meaningful for all companies doing business in Texas holding that a claimant's simple denial that they did not electronically execute an agreement is insufficient.
- Successfully represented the State of Montana Department of Revenue before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, obtaining reversal of bankruptcy court ruling denying the State sovereign immunity in adversary proceeding.

Recognition

- BL Rankings' *The Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Appellate Practice, 2022-2025
- Thomson Reuters' *Texas Super Lawyers*, Appellate, 2003–2023
- Thomson Reuters' Top 100 Houston Super Lawyers, 2018

Education

- J.D., Baylor Law School
- Union Theological Seminary
- A.B., Princeton University
 - History

Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

Community Leadership

Jeff's central nonprofit interest is diabetes research, and he has worked with both the American Diabetes Association and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

He's also committed to pro bono work, which he believes is an important way for attorneys to give back to the community. His focus is usually poverty-related cases.

*Contact Jeff to set up an in-person consultation by appointment in the Houston office.



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