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An experienced litigator, Ed helps businesses and nonprofits resolve a broad range of commercial and workplace disputes in state and federal court.

He represents retail and internet-based companies in business and consumer lawsuits at trial and on appeal and has litigated numerous cases on behalf of regional and national banks, media outlets and nonprofit organizations. Matters he has handled include:

- Breaches of contract
- Insurance coverage/policy holder disputes
- Real estate fraud
- Banking and financial services litigation
- Media and communications litigation

Ed has led internal investigations for publicly traded and private companies as well as nonprofit organizations, including investigations into claims concerning C-suite level executives and against the CEO of an international company.

Ed also represents railroads in real estate and injury cases, including disputes over personal jurisdiction, and defends businesses in employment matters against alleged violations of federal and state discrimination laws.

Services

- Litigation
- Media & Defamation
- Aviation
- Appellate Practice
- Financial Services Industry

Before Fox Rothschild

Prior to joining Fox Rothschild, Ed was partner at a regional law firm where he was a member of the firm's Executive Committee, chair of the firm's Hiring Committee and a member of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.

While attending law school, Ed served as a judicial extern and judicial intern for the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey and as senior editor of the *Rutgers Law Journal*. He also earned second place for a brief in the Hunter Moot Court Competition and won the Albert P. Blaustein Memorial Award for legal scholarship.

Ed worked as a newspaper reporter and in public relations before entering the legal profession.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Ed represents pro bono clients at trial and on appeal, focusing on First Amendment issues, prisoner rights and immigration matters. He is on the board and was vice president of HIAS Pennsylvania, a nonprofit organization that provides legal and social services to immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

Education

- Rutgers Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2007)
- University of Michigan (B.A., *cum laude*, 1999)

Board of Directors

- HIAS Pennsylvania

Honors & Awards

- **Selected to the "Best Lawyers in America" list for Communications Law (2024-2026) and Litigation - Trusts and Estates (2026) in Philadelphia, PA**
This award is conferred by Best Lawyers. A description of the selection methodology is [available here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.
- **Selected to the *Benchmark Litigation* list of "Future Stars" for Pennsylvania (2020-2021)**
This award is conferred by Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC. A description of the selection methodology is [available here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.
- **Selected to the "Super Lawyers - Rising Stars" list for business litigation in Pennsylvania (2016-2017)**
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Representative Matters

General Litigation

- Obtained a federal jury verdict in favor of client alleging violations of his First Amendment rights.
- Obtained verdict in favor of clients who had been victims of fraud and sought early termination of a trust for their benefit.
- Obtained verdict in favor of nonprofit client awarding it 95% of a cy pres fund.
- Obtained summary judgment in federal court on behalf of a hospital system accused of racial discrimination and retaliation by a former employee.
- Obtained summary judgment for a local affiliate of a national television network in a lawsuit alleging that an investigative news report broadcast by the affiliate defamed plaintiff.

Financial Services Litigation

- Obtained a complete victory at trial on behalf of a national bank in a suit alleging breach of fiduciary duty.
- Represented a national bank at trial in a suit alleging fraud in a real estate transaction.
- Represented group of internet-based businesses in a series of class actions alleging violations of New Jersey's consumer protection laws, all of which were voluntarily dismissed after briefing on motions to dismiss.
- Represent national banks and financial institutions in an action alleging illegal liquidation of shares of stock securing a line of credit and the commercially unreasonable sale of those shares.
- In a matter of first impression under Pennsylvania law, obtained dismissal of check warranty claims brought under Articles 3 and 4 of the UCC against a banking client.
- Represented a national bank in numerous actions alleging fraud and implicating Articles 3 and 4 of the UCC in connection with personal, business and nonprofit accounts and real estate transactions.
- Represented a national bank in numerous actions alleging breaches of fiduciary duties in its role as trustee of testamentary and revocable trusts.
- Represented a national bank in a dispute with a large commercial customer concerning custody accounts and funds that had escheated to the state.
- Obtained dismissals in the federal district court and state trial court on behalf of an energy company in a matter brought under federal and New Jersey state false claims acts,
- Represented a financial services company alleging theft of trade secrets by a competitor.
- Obtained dismissal of claims against a Chilean seafood distributor on the grounds of lack of personal jurisdiction.
- Obtained dismissal in a California state court of a defamation case brought against a media client and its employees.
- Obtained voluntary dismissal of defamation action against web-based company.
- Performed pre- and post-publication review of books, blogs and other publications on behalf of clients to avoid liability.
- Represented a group of amici before the U.S. Supreme Court challenging the regulation of indecent language on live television.

Appellate Practice

- Successfully defended, on appeal, the trial court's verdict that a national bank did not breach its fiduciary duty in an argument before the Pennsylvania Superior Court.
- Argued before the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division, on behalf of the ACLU of New Jersey, successfully challenging a school district's 24/7 discipline policy.
- Represented before the *en banc* Pennsylvania Superior Court beneficiaries and trustees asserting that the perpetuities period had not run on a testamentary trust created in the 1930s and succeeded in reversing adverse panel and trial court decisions.
- Represented an energy company in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit, which affirmed the district court's decision to dismiss a claim brought under the federal False Claims Act.

Railroad Litigation

- Represented a railroad in Pennsylvania's intermediate appellate court in an important issue concerning general jurisdiction over foreign companies.
- Represented a railroad in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in a large real estate dispute that resulted in a large financial settlement and the remediation of the property by the tenant.
- Represented railroads as appellate counsel at trial on issues concerning the production of proprietary software.
- Worked on damages issues concerning a severe injury case involving injuries caused by electrified railcars.

Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.

Publications

Fall 2018

Trying a Pro Bono Case: Lessons Learned and Satisfaction Earned

The Philadelphia Lawyer

July 6, 2018

Viewpoint: Pa. Superior Court Ruling Says Out-of-State Businesses Can Be Sued Here

Pittsburgh Business Times

January 25, 2018

Free Expression Versus Reputation: The Supreme Court's Weighing of Interests

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania: Life and Law in the Commonwealth