

Jacob C. Hanley

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Jacob represents clients in complex disputes in state and federal courts. He has significant, hands-on experience litigating matters through trial, post-trial proceedings and appeal, affording him an end-to-end perspective on how cases are built, tried and resolved. He draws on this experience to help clients coordinate and defend against recurring litigation across jurisdictions and mitigate future litigation risk.

Jacob's experience includes representing clients in numerous trials to verdict, including trials resulting in seven-figure judgments and the defense of an eight-figure claim. He has represented clients in dispositive arguments and time-sensitive, emergency proceedings before trial court judges, and he has briefed and/or argued outcome-determinative issues before appellate courts. His appellate work has involved precedential decisions, including one from an *en banc* panel of the Pennsylvania Superior Court concerning the interpretation and scope of a state construction industry prompt payment statute.

Jacob's practice spans a broad range of commercial disputes, including those involving breach of contract, business torts, post-acquisition disputes, breach of fiduciary duty, shareholder and partner disputes, and restrictive covenant disputes. He also has significant construction litigation experience, representing contractors and owners in cases involving delay and disruption, termination, unpaid extra work, deficient specifications and defective work, as well as bid protests and performance bond disputes.

Services

- Litigation
- Construction
- National Coordinating Counsel

Before Fox Rothschild

Before joining us, Jacob practiced as an associate in the commercial litigation, construction and appellate groups of an Am Law 200 law firm in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Before that, he worked as a law clerk and commercial litigation associate for an Am Law 100 law firm.

During law school, Jacob served as a legal intern with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Pennsylvania, as a research assistant for Duquesne Law School's Legal Research and Writing Program and as a research assistant for Duquesne Law School's Center for Judicial Education. He was also the Executive Editor of the Duquesne Law Review, a

member of the Appellate Moot Court Board, an inductee into the Justice Manderino Honor Society and the recipient of the Shalom Moot Court Award, the Excellence in Legal Writing Award and CALI Excellence for the Future Awards for the highest grades in Legal Research and Writing, Advanced Legal Writing, Legal Drafting and Administrative Law.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

A former Division 1 soccer player, Jacob is an avid soccer fan. He is an active member of Duquesne Law School's alumni association and a coach for the school's Appellate Moot Court Board.

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

Education

- Duquesne University School of Law (J.D., 2020)
 - Executive Editor, Duquesne Law Review
- Robert Morris University (B.S.B.A., *cum laude*, 2016)
 - Business Administration

Honors & Awards

- Selected to the list of “Pennsylvania Rising Stars” for General Litigation, Business Litigation, Construction Litigation and Appellate, by *Super Lawyers* (2025-2026)
- Selected to the “Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch” list for Commercial Litigation and Litigation – Construction in Pittsburgh, PA by *Best Lawyers* (2027)