# Jeffrey D. Harris

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# From Fortune 500 to privately held companies, Jeff delivers strategic guidance through civil and commercial litigation with efficiency.

Jeff focuses his practice on helping clients with civil and commercial litigation matters such as contract, fraud, negligence, construction, and real estate disputes across various sectors, including healthcare, technology, energy, food, manufacturing, and financial services. He has represented a diverse range of clients on multi-jurisdictional litigation, including Fortune 500 and privately held companies.

Jeff combines efficient dispute resolution with preventive measures, developing innovative fee structures and litigation avoidance strategies that align legal costs with business objectives. He is experienced in the defense and pursuit of eightfigure contract and fraud claims. He has achieved successful results for clients, including a seven-figure judgment and multiple six-figure recoveries, while creating structured strategies that turn litigation into a valuable business asset rather than a financial burden. He counsels and defends clients throughout all stages of litigation and is experienced in jury trials, bench trials, arbitrations, and appeals.

Prior to joining Stinson, Jeff was a co-founding partner of a Phoenix law firm, where he led the firm's litigation practice area and handled disputes across the country, including advising a

### **PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES**

Business Litigation Business Ownership Disputes Real Estate Litigation

#### ADMISSIONS

Arizona, 2014 Utah, 2012 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

## EDUCATION

Brigham Young University Law School, J.D., 2012

Brigham Young University, B.A., English, *magna cum laude*, 2008

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multi-billion dollar company on a nine-figure contract dispute.

#### EXPERIENCE

Supporting complex litigation through drafting court papers, supervising outside counsel on multiple active lawsuits, handling intra-company investigations, and negotiating with opposing parties in disputes in various states.

Successfully briefing and arguing for the reversal of a summary judgment and attorneys' fee award at the Arizona Court of Appeals.

Substantially briefing two successful defenses of appeals at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Defending breach of contract claims in state and federal courts across the United States and negotiating resolutions to allow the business to continue to succeed in providing emergency healthcare to its patients.

Protecting the U.S.-based interests of the largest payment processor of a Southeast Asian country and helping defend it from an attempted corporate takeover by a fraudulent former chief executive.

Pursuing and defending breach of contract, negligence, and fraud claims for multiple software developers in federal and state courts across the United States.

Defending multiple breach of contract and negligence lawsuits for respected Arizona-based real estate companies.

Advising and counseling on litigation regarding subcontracts with construction companies from the perspective of limiting exposure and avoiding litigation.

## **PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

State Bar of Arizona

