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Jeremy is a proven advocate with broad experience in litigation and investigations.

Jeremy represents clients in complex class actions, commercial disputes, securities and insurance litigation and internal compliance investigations. He has a knack for early mastery of complex factual and legal problems that, together with his experience dealing with government regulators, helps clients stay ahead of the risks on the horizon.

He defends clients in state- and nationwide class actions, including Rule 23 appeals of class certification decisions. With regard to government solutions, he has handled initiative petition and election law litigation, including pre- and post-election challenges in Missouri. For clients in need of FCPA and anti-corruption services, Jeremy has investigated employment, compliance and fraud issues in the U.S., sub-Saharan Africa and Australia. He has negotiated directly with state and national securities regulators to solve client problems.

Jeremy also has a background in criminal defense and investigations, having completed internships with the New York Capital Defender Office, the Equal Justice Initiative, and the NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund. In 2009, the law review article he wrote was cited by U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens in a published opinion. He also served as an intern in

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

- Business Litigation
- Class Action
- e-Discovery & Forensics
- Energy
- Governance, Risk & Compliance
- Government Solutions
- Securities Litigation, Arbitration & Enforcement Actions
- White Collar Criminal Defense & Special Investigations
- Insurance Class Action & Litigation
- Investment Management
- Structured Finance & RMBS Litigation

ADMISSIONS

- Missouri, 2007
- Illinois, 2003

EDUCATION

- New York University, J.D., *cum laude*, 2002

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the Environment & Natural Resources Division of the Department of Justice, Office of the Assistant Attorney General. This background helps him assess his clients' environmental risks in litigation. Prior to law school, he was awarded a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship to spend a year in South Africa studying the transition to the new constitution.

He is the co-chair of the firm's Investment Management Practice Group and the firm's internal Appellate Practice Group.

EXPERIENCE

Jeremy's litigation practice encompasses contract and prevailing wage disputes, and commercial fraud and professional licensing cases. He handles appellate matters before Missouri's state courts, including appeals and appellate writ procedure.

Defended insurance company in multiple breach of contract and tort class actions

Represented physicians in connection with credentialing and licensing issues

Defended underwriter in multimillion dollar case involving failure of municipal bonds

Represented securities broker-dealer and individual employees in FINRA arbitrations and investigations

Enlisted SIFMA as amicus in support of underwriter in appeal

Assisted with internal investigations, including SEC investigations and FCPA investigations in the U.S. and Africa

Prosecuted multimillion dollar breach of contract claim on behalf of an entrepreneur in multi-state licensing enterprise

Persuaded court to re-write unfair ballot title in election law case

Assisted in the defense of commercial fraud claim in federal district court

- *NYU Review of Law & Social Change*, Executive Editor

Bates College, B.A., American Cultural Studies, *magna cum laude*, 1997

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Restored professional license in contested case before the Administrative Hearing Commission

Prosecuted and defended clients in connection with non-competition agreements

Assisted in the defense of environmental enforcement actions

Assisted in the defense of a private antitrust case

Prosecuted breach of fiduciary duty claims against statewide membership organization

Challenged constitutionality of initiative petitions and state statutes

Briefed and argued cases to the U.S. Court of Appeals for Eighth Circuit, Missouri Court of Appeals

Defended condominium developer against environmental claims

RECOGNITIONS

Named a Future Star by *Benchmark Litigation*

Selected to the 2023, 2024 editions of *Best Lawyers in America*©

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

The Missouri Bar

American Bar Association

SIFMA Compliance & Legal Society, 2016-present

Ragtag Film Society, Board of Directors, Past President, 2011-present

Appointed member, Columbia (MO.) Tax Increment Financing Commission

Appointed member, Supreme Court of Missouri Civic Education Committee, 2012-2014

Appointed member, Enhanced Enterprise Zone Advisory Board, Columbia, MO, 2012

NEWS

Stinson Attorneys Recognized in the 17th Edition of *Benchmark Litigation*

10.05.2023

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175 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2024 *Best Lawyers in America* List
08.17.2023

Stinson Attorneys Prevail in Eighth Circuit Drinking Water Utility Matter
10.27.2022

152 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2023 *Best Lawyers in America* List
08.18.2022

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