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With a creative, holistic approach and an ability to find positive, cost-effective solutions to complex issues, Jeremy offers thoughtful guidance and thorough analysis to his clients that allows them to make informed decisions.

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A partner in the firm's Chicago office, Jeremy focuses his practice on insurance coverage, representing insurance companies and providing coverage advice on a wide range of commercial lines policies, including commercial general liability, professional liability, D&O, excess and umbrella insurance. He provides insurers with policy interpretation and analysis of extra-contractual liability issues, with his proclivity for out-of-the-box thinking leading to creative approaches and optimal solutions.

Jeremy also serves as counsel for insurance companies in first-party property disputes and trial monitoring counsel for excess insurers in high-exposure cases, with extensive experience litigating declaratory judgment actions on behalf insurance carriers in both state and federal courts across the country. Jeremy routinely advises clients on issues relating to coverage litigation, including developing strategies to avoid protracted litigation and secure favorable settlements. His professional accomplishments earned him recognition as a Super Lawyers Rising Star from 2017 through 2023, a designation given to only 2.5% of attorneys in Illinois each year.

A graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Jeremy served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Anne M. Burke on the Illinois Supreme Court while earning his law degree *magna cum laude* from The John Marshall Law School. He is an active member of the Defense Research Institute (DRI), including serving as a Vice-Chair of the First Party Property Subcommittee of the Insurance Law Committee, and is a member of the Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago and the National LGBT Bar Association.

EDUCATION

- The John Marshall Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*
  - Candidancy Editor, *The John Marshall Law Review*
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, B.A., *cum laude*

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BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Texas
- Wisconsin

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Colorado
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

In addition to his admissions to these courts, Jeremy has been admitted pro hac vice in state and federal courts in the following states: Connecticut, Georgia, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, New York, North Carolina, Texas, and Tennessee.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Chicago Bar Association
- Chair, Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Insurance Coverage Committee
- Vice Chair of the First Party Property Subcommittee, Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Member, Claims Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
- Member, Professional Liability Underwriters Society (PLUS)
- Member, Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago
- Member, National LGBT Bar Association
- Member, Traub Lieberman Diversity Committee
- Editor, Traub Lieberman Diversity Newsletter
- Writer-Traub Lieberman First Party Coverage Blog

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NOTABLE DECISIONS

- *Landmark Am. Ins. Co. v. Deerfield Constr., Inc.*, No. 15 C 1785, 2018 WL 2072858 (N.D. Ill. May 3, 2018)
- *Philadelphia Indem. Ins. Co. v. Behavioral Health Alternatives, Inc.*, No. 17-CV-684-JPG-DGW, 2017 WL 6373472 (S.D. Ill. Dec. 13, 2017)
- *BNSF Ry. v. Gilster-Mary Lee Corp.*, No. 15-cv-250-JPG-SCW, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 85332 (S.D. Ill. June 30, 2016)
- *Thornton Tomasetti, Inc. and Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's, London, Syndicates 2623 and 623 v. Westchester Surplus Lines Inc., RSUI Indemnity Co., and Ramirez Construction*, Court No. 15 CH 18496, Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois (June 28, 2016).
- *Landmark Am. Ins. Co. v. Rural Cmty. Hosps. of Am., LLC*, No. 5:15-CV-390-BO, 2015 WL 12860287 (E.D.N.C. Dec. 22, 2015)
- *Landmark Am. Ins. Co. v. VO Remarketing Corp.*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 80800, *4 (D. Colo. June 13, 2014). On July 30, 2015, the Tenth Circuit United States Court of Appeals affirmed the district court's holding that Landmark owed no duty to defend or indemnify its insured pursuant to the policy's auto exclusion.

PUBLICATIONS

- First Party Coverage Blog, Contributor
- "Record Highs: How Marijuana's Rapid Growth Is Affecting Insurance Coverage," Claims Management Magazine-January 2016
- "Claim" Chowder: The Recipe for Determining When Pre-Suit Communications are "Claims"-DRI The Voice of the Defense Bar (March 5, 2015)
- The Puzzling Case of Max Feinberg: An Analysis of Conditions in Partial Restraint of Marriage, 43 J. MARSHALL L. REV. 265 (Fall 2009)

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