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PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
 - Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy
 - Litigation
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EDUCATION

- Cleveland State University
College of Law, (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2012)
 - University of Pittsburgh (B.A.,
Communication & Rhetoric)
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ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern
District of Ohio

OVERVIEW

Jeff is a partner in Buckingham's Litigation practice, representing businesses, financial institutions, and individuals in complex commercial disputes, creditors' rights matters, bankruptcy-related litigation, and appeals.

Jeff brings a distinctive perspective to his practice, combining more than a decade of litigation experience with service as a judicial law clerk in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. Having practiced extensively before his clerkship, Jeff understands the demands of litigation from both the advocate's and the court's perspectives. That experience informs his approach to developing persuasive arguments, identifying the issues that matter most, and pursuing effective resolutions.

Jeff works closely with clients to understand their business objectives and develop litigation strategies that advance those goals. Whether negotiating a resolution, litigating in trial court, or pursuing an appeal, he emphasizes thoughtful preparation, direct communication, and practical judgment.

EXPERIENCE

- Represented a multinational rail-equipment manufacturer in a multimillion-dollar contract dispute concerning the design, manufacture, acceptance, and termination of a custom transit maintenance vehicle.
- Represented an individual in complex federal civil RICO litigation involving allegations of fraud, bankruptcy proceedings, and property disputes, including appellate proceedings and subsequent litigation on remand.
- Represented a liquidating trustee in litigation involving fiduciary-duty and avoidance claims arising from alleged insider transfers and related-party transactions within a multi-entity skilled nursing enterprise.
- Represented a regional bank in the workout and recovery of distressed equipment leasing assets.
- Represented a residential contractor in litigation involving consumer protection and breach-of-contract claims arising from a substantial home improvement project.
- Represented a skilled nursing facility operator in a complex bankruptcy adversary proceeding involving tort and breach-of-contract claims.