



## Jeffrey J. Wild

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Jeff is a go-to litigator when major corporations and clients with trust-and-estate disputes need both wisdom and aggressiveness. He is relentless in pursuing his clients' goals, and he thrives on solving the toughest problems.

With more than 30 years of experience in high-stakes financial litigation and arbitration, Jeff is a formidable litigator who has dealt successfully with some of the most complex contracts and commercial transactions. He regularly advises major corporations, which value his mastery of sophisticated financial issues, and his focus on solving their problems and meeting their real-world goals.

Jeff leads the firm's Trusts & Estates litigation practice and brings his deep knowledge of financial matters to complex trust-and-estate disputes. Families and wealth can be an explosive combination, but Jeff relishes the opportunity to obtain positive outcomes for his clients in the most difficult cases.

Jeff's work has been recognized nationally by the legal profession. *Chambers USA* calls him "a prominent name in the area of fiduciary litigation" who is "known for his expertise in capital markets disputes and arbitration."

Deeply committed to community service, Jeff serves as President of the **New Jersey Coalition to End Homelessness** and the **American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey**, among other nonprofit organizations.

## EXPERIENCE

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- > Served as a lead litigator in a securities arbitration proceeding before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority against Merrill Lynch/Bank of America. The claim involved sales by Merrill Lynch of hundreds of millions of dollars of auction-rate securities backed by subprime collateralized debt obligations.
- > Won a hard-fought family litigation about international trusts, real estate and a closely held business after a 30-day trial in New Jersey
- > Represented some of the most well-known companies in the world in financial disputes, including pursuing their claims against their non-paying and defaulting customers.
- > Fought for trustees, executors and beneficiaries in New Jersey and New York in disputes involving wills and trusts, such as claims of undue influence, impaired capacity and breach of fiduciary duty,
- > Won numerous victories in New York Supreme Court in complex financial disputes.

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- > **The Best Lawyers in America (2013-2020)**  
Recognized in the Trust and Estates section.
- > **New Jersey Super Lawyers (2007, 2009-2019)**  
Recognized for work in Securities Litigation, Estate & Trust Litigation, and Business Litigation
- > **Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business (2007-2016)**
- > **Interviews by Leading Media Outlets**  
Including *The Wall Street Journal*, the Brian Lehrer Show (National Public Radio), BBC Radio, and Business Insider

## NEWS & INSIGHTS

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### Publications

- > March 20, 2020  
**"Estate, Gift, and Income Tax Planning in the Time of COVID-19,"** *Trusts & Estates Client Alert*  
Warren K. Racusin, John L. Berger, Michael N. Goen, Kenneth J. Slutsky, Jeffrey J. Wild, Ashley Steinhart, Eric D. Weinstock, Robert I. Aufseeser, Bridget Harris, Tracy A. Snow
- > November 30, 2018  
**"IRS Issues New Favorable Rules on Exemptions From Gift, Estate, and Generation-Skipping Tax,"** *Trusts & Estates Client Alert*  
John L. Berger, Michael N. Goen, Warren K. Racusin, Kenneth J. Slutsky, Ashley Steinhart, Jeffrey J. Wild
- > March 20, 2014  
**"Notes Found After Decedent's Death Can't Be a Valid Will,"** *Trusts & Estates*  
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## In the Media

- > August 15, 2018 - April 3, 2019  
**Jeffrey J. Wild** is quoted in **Jersey Shore Online (August 15, 2018; April 3, 2019), CentralJersey.com, Patch,** and **New Jersey 101.5** discussing his pro bono representation of the residents of a homeless camp in Howell Township. In July 2018, the township sold a tract of land that was once home for a group of homeless residents. Since then, Wild, in conjunction with The New Jersey Coalition to End Homelessness, has worked to relocate its residents in a humane and lawful way. Wild, who also serves as President of the Coalition, was able to obtain half a year's rent for each former resident of the community. He asserts that the Coalition will "continue to be the voice of New Jersey's tens of thousands of people who are homeless each night."
- > June 4, 2014  
**NJ Spotlight** profiles **Jeff Wild** and his advocacy for the homeless through his representation of the residents of a Lakewood, New Jersey, tent city and the NJ Coalition to End Homelessness, a nonprofit organization Jeff founded to combat homelessness throughout the state.

## EDUCATION

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- > Columbia University School of Law (J.D. 1985), Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
- > Cornell University (B.A. 1982), with distinction in all subjects

## ADMISSIONS

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- > New York
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- > District of Columbia