

## Jeffrey J. Leech

**Veteran trial lawyer having participated in more than 2,500 cases in state and federal courts.**

Jeff's practice focuses on business litigation and representation of employee benefit plans. Jeff has represented financial institutions, public utilities, construction companies and employee benefit plans in Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey, Maryland, New York, Virginia, West Virginia and Texas.

### Representative Experience

- Elder v. Orluk (landmark case under the Pennsylvania Comparative Negligence Act)
- Steiner v. Bell Telephone (rejecting loss of consortium for minors in Pennsylvania)
- Laborers' Combined Funds of Western Pennsylvania v. Transamerica Insurance Company (establishing the parameters of recovery under the Pennsylvania Bond Law)
- Laborers' Combined Funds of Western Pennsylvania et al v. Lynn D. Parkins et al (principals of a construction company personally liable for fringe benefits delinquencies under ERISA)

### Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Employee Benefit Plans/ERISA

### Awards + Recognition

- *Pennsylvania's Super Lawyers®*, General Litigation
- *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Commercial Litigation
- Pittsburgh Magazine, one of Pittsburgh's best litigators
- *Martindale Hubbell "AV® Preeminent"*, one of Pittsburgh's best litigators

### Professional + Community Affiliations

- Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County, Member
- Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Special Master
- Allegheny County Bar Association, Member - Federal Court and Bench-Bar Committees
- Allegheny County Bar Foundation, Chair of Pro Bono Golf Committee

### Education

- Indiana University (JD, *magna cum laude*)
  - Associate Editor of *Indiana Law Review*
- University of Pittsburgh (MA)
- University of Pittsburgh (BA)

Phi Beta Kappa

### Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

### Court Admissions



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- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Supreme Court