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PRACTICES

- Business Litigation and Transactions
- Health Care
- Higher Education
- Public Pensions
- Class Actions
- Appellate

EDUCATION

- University of Chicago Law School, J.D. with high honors, 1994, Order of the Coif, Law Review
- University of Missouri-Columbia, B.A., summa cum laude, 1990

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri

AFFILIATIONS

- The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- The Missouri Bar Association
- The Illinois Bar Association

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 2003-Present Associate, 1994-2002
- St. Clair County, IL, State's Attorney's Office, Intern, 1992

Jeff helps all types of businesses navigate complex litigation, arbitration, class action, regulatory and transactional matters in venues across the country.

Drawing on his two decades of experience, he drills down on complex problems, pinpoints the core factual and legal issues at stake, and develops strategies for resolving disputes and facilitating business deals in an expeditious and cost-effective manner. Jeff works closely with a client's employees and executives to help them prepare for their role in a case and put them at ease during the litigation and negotiation process.

Jeff advises higher education institutions in lawsuits and arbitrations brought by former students, state attorneys general, and government regulatory agencies in multiple jurisdictions; in program reviews and audits by the U.S. Department of Education; in accreditation disputes; and in issues with federal and state regulators. He also represents health care providers seeking to recover amounts owed by payors and defending class actions concerning billing practices. In the financial services arena, Jeff has represented banks and automotive finance companies facing lender liability and discrimination claims. He has also consulted public pension systems on various litigation and benefits issues.

Experience

- **Jeff obtained summary judgment in a federal class action lawsuit complaining about a hospital's billing and collection practices as to patients involved in motor vehicle accidents.**
- **Jeff persuaded a court to undo a California veterans agency's suspension of a major for-profit educational institution, allowing the institution to continue educating veterans in the state.**
- **Jeff obtained a preliminary injunction rebuffing an unlawful attempt to seize management of a regional nursing home chain from our client.**