



# Jeffrey Cunningham

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Jeff Cunningham's practice focus runs the gamut of professional liability exposures but with a particular emphasis on lawyers. He defends lawyers and acts as outside General Counsel to solo to mid-sized law firms across the United States. For over a decade, Jeff has defended industry professionals in a wide range of professional liability, ethics and professional disciplinary matters. His extensive background in civil litigation includes commercial disputes, varied malpractice claims, D&O liability, employment and labor law, catastrophic personal injury, premises liability and products liability. With an emphasis on simple systems of risk management, Jeff brings a holistic approach of protecting his clients before problems occur.

A reluctant social media "thought leader," Jeff has an audience numbering over 26,000 followers on LinkedIn and other social media platforms. He produces a weekly newsletter and daily blog, Point One: A Bite of Ethics a Day Keeps Legal Malpractice Claims Away, as well as the world's only ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct-based meme page, The Model-Rule-Meme-A-Day. A life-long learner and teacher, Jeff presents over 15 Continuing Legal Education courses per year on varying topics of law firm risk management and ethics.

A graduate of The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, Jeff prepared for his legal practice serving as a Cadet Second Lieutenant/Platoon Leader, the First Battalion Honor Court Representative and the Editor-in-Chief of The Brigadier newspaper. As a Fulbright Scholar, he nurtured his love of travel and languages during a year-long fellowship in Germany. Jeff also traveled extensively before and after school, working on his German, Yiddish and Hebrew and studying the law across Europe and in Israel. At Fordham Law, he was an Associate Editor of the Fordham Journal of Corporate & Financial Law and earned the Archibald R. Murray Public Service Award magna cum laude for pro bono work. Jeff also gained valuable early litigation experience as a legal intern with the Queens District Attorney's Office and the US Attorney's Office Southern District of New York Criminal Division.

Prior to joining MGC, Jeff served as outside counsel to small law firms and defended professional liability cases as partner at a national AmLaw 200 firm.

## PRACTICE AREAS

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Management & Professional Liability

# Curriculum Vitae

## EDUCATION

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Fordham University School of Law (JD)  
The Citadel (BA)  
Philipps-Universität Marburg ((Fulbright Scholar))

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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The Cardozo Society  
Professional Liability Underwriting Society

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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Connecticut  
New York  
US District Court for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York  
US District Court for the District of Connecticut

## AWARDS

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New York Metro Super Lawyers (2023)  
New York Metro Super Lawyers Rising Stars (2014-2021)  
Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rating™ - AV Preeminent®

## PUBLICATIONS

COVID-19 Liability Waivers: Part of the New Workplace Normal? - Co-Author, Fixed Ops Magazine (July 2020)  
Will COVID-19 Liability Releases Hold Up in Court? - Co-Author, Risk Management (July 1, 2020)  
Will COVID-19 Liability Releases Hold Up? Examining the Enforceability of Exculpatory Clauses in the Context of an Evolving Pandemic - Co-Author, GS White Paper (June 15, 2020)  
The Ethics of Accepting Advanced Legal Fees in Crypto - Law360 (Dec 19, 2023)