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Ed is the leader of the Firm's Appellate and Complex Litigation Department and has broad experience in appellate practice, insurance coverage, tort defense work (including Labor law, medical and legal professional liability, product liability), land use, condemnation, commercial tenancy disputes, municipal law, municipal code drafting, municipal zoning and planning practices and insurance policy drafting. He has a proven track record in successfully managing complex projects and outcomes through advanced creative legal solutions in commercial and personal line defenses. He is active in trial monitoring programs throughout the nation where he works with local counsel to defend and resolve complex cases.

He has successfully contested some of the largest and most complex damage verdicts in New York, including *Sence v Atoynatan*, one of the first cases to invoke the provisions of both the New York Indemnity Fund and New York's structured judgment law, and *Fellin v. Sahgal*, involving a \$112 million verdict which was ultimately set aside and the complaint dismissed. Ed has broken new ground in Insurance Coverage issues, *QBE Insurance v. Ajdo*, and liability under the provisions of New York's Labor Law, *Alvarado v French Council LLC*, as well as in many other areas.

Ed has briefed and argued hundreds of appeals in the State and Federal Courts, and is noted for numerous important decisions in the areas of Professional Liability, Insurance Coverage, Negligence, Premise Liability, Product Liability, Real Estate Brokerage Liability, and New York procedure.

Formerly, Ed served as law assistant to the Court at the Appellate Division, First Department, and as special counsel to the New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation. He is also a contributing editor of the treatise "New York Medical Malpractice," Bard & Morano. He has served at a Committee level on several New York State legislative initiatives to remedy legal system inequities, both procedural and substantive.

Ed lectures extensively to the courts and bar on a variety of topics and is active in his community, currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Fordham Law Alumni Association, the Town of Clarkstown Planning Board, and as a volunteer advisor on various boards in local Towns and Villages.