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Ed leads the firm's Appellate and Complex Litigation practices and is experienced in insurance coverage and tort defense, including New York 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 creative legal solutions in commercial and personal line defenses. He actively monitors trials nationwide, working 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*, liability under New York's Labor Law provisions, *Alvarado v French Council LLC*, and 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" by Bard & Morano. He has served at a committee level on several New York state legislative initiatives to remedy procedural and substantive legal system inequities. Ed lectures extensively to the courts and bar on a variety of topics and is active in his community. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Fordham Law Alumni Association and the Town of Clarkstown Planning Board. He is a volunteer advisor on various boards in local towns and villages. **Education** Fordham University School of Law, JD Fordham University, BA **Awards & Recognition** New York Metro Super Lawyers **Admissions** New York New Jersey US District Court, Southern District of New York US District Court, Eastern District of New York US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit