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Jason is a Philadelphia-based commercial and insurance litigator with more than 20 years of trial experience, serving as lead counsel in jury trials and arbitrations nationwide and defending insurers in high-exposure litigation.

OVERVIEW

Jason is a senior trial lawyer based in Philadelphia and part of Troutman Pepper Locke's Insurance + Reinsurance Litigation team. He has a national practice representing insurers and financial services companies in complex litigation. He has extensive experience handling matters involving life, health, disability, and property and casualty insurance, annuities, debt cancellation products, and fidelity bonds. His work frequently involves the defense of bad faith claims, improper sales practices, ERISA violations, and class actions. Jason also represents insurers in market conduct examinations and regulatory enforcement proceedings.

Jason is a member of the Association of Life Insurance Counsel. He frequently writes and speaks on topics impacting his insurer clients, and he previously taught Insurance Law as an adjunct professor at Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law. Beyond insurance litigation, Jason advises and represents businesses and individuals in a wide range of commercial disputes, including breach of contract actions and civil racketeering cases. He also maintains an active pro bono practice centered on constitutional rights, including free speech, religious liberties, and due process.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Obtained a defense jury verdict in Los Angeles on behalf of a life insurer facing allegations of wrongful denial of a multimillion-dollar claim and bad faith.
- Secured a Ninth Circuit reversal allowing a life insurer to retain premiums on a fraudulently procured life insurance policy.
- Achieved a precedential Third Circuit reversal recognizing a plaintiff's right to jurisdictional discovery when a defendant challenges allegations of diversity jurisdiction.
- Obtained an Eleventh Circuit reversal holding that life insurance policy incontestability clauses do not bar claims for fraud and civil racketeering.
- Won a defense verdict following a bench trial for a disability insurer, finding that an anesthesiologist who ceased practicing after substance abuse treatment was not disabled.
- Secured a favorable arbitration award — including attorneys' fees — on behalf of a life insurer in a matter

involving an alleged rebating scheme.

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Insurance Commercial Litigation

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Association of Life Insurance Counsel
- Member, Philadelphia Federalist Society
- Hearing Committee examiner, Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board
- Former adjunct professor of insurance law, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law
- Former member, Board of Visitors, School of Arts and Sciences, The Catholic University of America

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Temple University Beasley School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1995, *Temple Political and Civil Rights Review*
- The Catholic University of America, B.A., *cum laude*, 1992

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit