



Partner

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Practice Areas

Elder & Disability Law
Estate & Trust Litigation
Health Care
Immigration and Global Mobility

Admitted

New Jersey
United States District Court

Education

La Salle University
Bachelor of Arts, English/Healthcare
Administration, 1992
Widener University School of Law
Juris Doctor, 1995

Greg has an active and diverse Litigation practice with focus in trust and fiduciary litigation, estate disputes, nursing home and long term care facility representation, and representation of offices of county government. Greg has handled estate litigation in multi-million dollar estates, and is regularly appointed by the court to study Probate Part disputes and make recommendations to the court. In these areas of practice, Greg regularly handles cases in the Law Division, Chancery Division, Probate and General Equity Parts, the Office of Administrative Law, the Appellate Division and the Department of Health and Senior Services Departmental Appeals Board. In these venues, Greg has over 20 years of experience litigating matters to successful resolutions and verdicts.

These areas intersect well with Greg's Elder Law practice. For over twenty years, Greg has counseled both families and long term care facilities in the areas of Medicaid planning, applications and appeals. He regularly handles and investigates cases of financial exploitation of the elderly and handles the issues that arise in fiduciary disputes.

Greg has chaired the firm's Immigration and Homeland Security Group for fifteen years. He is a longtime member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, New Jersey Chapter. Greg counsels U.S. and international businesses in United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) rules and nuances. He regularly represents U.S. employers in all of their immigration needs. In this role, Greg counsels clients on the Immigration and Nationality Act, (INA), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and with U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) regulatory compliance. Greg handles North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) work visa applications, and their resolution through United States Custom and Border Patrol (CBP).

As an immigration practitioner with many years of experience, Greg represents and protects the rights and businesses of employers who have been audited or raided. Greg has helped many foreign businesses launch their U.S. offices by obtaining work visas and green cards for their executives. He has obtained visas for candidates as diverse as high fashion designers, celebrity chefs, technology workers and pediatric trauma surgeons. Greg regularly writes articles and speaks often in this complicated and controversial area of practice. He has appeared before the USCIS, The Department of Homeland Security, and the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR).

Representative Experience

As a licensed attorney since 1996, Greg has effectively handled following matters:

- Published Decision: JFK Hartwyck at Oak Tree v. CMS, HHS Departmental Appeals Board, Doc. No. C-06-167, Dec. No. CR1788, May 13, 2008
- Reduction of USCIS fines and penalties for unauthorized employment of illegal workers in manufacturing facilities
- Aided numerous employers to pick up the pieces after Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids decimated their workforces
- Establishment of employer compliance with I-9 and hiring procedures, records retention and destruction policies
- Successfully negotiated reduction of Center for Medicare and Medicaid fines and penalties for several licensed long term care facilities
- Confidential resolution on behalf of oppressed minority shareholders in business ownership dispute
- Confidential resolution on behalf of stockholders in stock ownership dispute
- Establishment of the U.S. office of an international pharmaceutical testing company along the Route 202 corridor
- Expansion of hospital services by establishing O-1 extraordinary merit recruitment program at major hospital in region
- Obtained work visas, green cards and naturalization for hundreds of executives and laborers across the United States
- Successfully appealed on behalf of several legal immigrants denied green cards or naturalization previously
- Obtained the dismissals of several worker's compensation claims on behalf of employers who disputed causation or permanency
- Successful resolution of wrongful death claim on behalf of surviving family against driver
- Confidential settlement achieved on behalf of long term care facility in wrongful death case
- Representation and counseling for over ten years to the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services
- Approval of Medicaid (both Traditional Nursing Home and Global Options) applications on behalf of applicants
- Performed Guardian, Co-Guardian and Trustee Services for several clients

Professional And Community Involvement

- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) New Jersey Chapter
- Hunterdon County Bar Association (President 2006-07, Trustee 2008-2011)
- Princeton Bar Association
- Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce (2003 - Present)
- Board of Directors Advisory Member, Volunteer Guardianship One on One, Inc.
- Volunteer: Free Living Will Initiative and Court Night/Law Day, HCBA

- Certified Coach, Plumstead Suburban Travel Baseball, Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken/Connie Mack
- Assistant Coach Doylestown Athletic Association (DAA) Softball and Central Bucks Athletic Association (CBAA) Basketball

Awards And Recognition

- Named as “Super Lawyer” by New Jersey Monthly Magazine, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017
- Recognized as a New Jersey “Super Lawyer”: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 Young Lawyers Division (Immigration and Naturalization)
- Recognized as an “Awesome Attorney” by South Jersey Magazine 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010
- Recognized as "Top Attorney" by SJ Magazine, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- Past President's Award, Hunterdon County Bar Association, 2008
- Cited seeking recovery of tax dollars on behalf of county “County Seeks Money For Certain Legal Aid, Hunterdon County Democrat 2005
- Cited seeking protection for elder abuse victims “Prosecutor Targets Elder Abuse Cases” Hunterdon County Democrat, February 15, 2007
- Cited by Courier News, April 6, 2009, “Hunterdon’s Mahon adjourning judicial career”

Articles

- Authored Article: "Dreamer's: Are You Eligible for DACA?", La Voz, July 2015
- Contributor: Immigration and Homeland Security, ConstructionDive.com, 2017
- Contributor: Immigration and Homeland Security, Law360, 2015-2017
- Contributor: Immigration and Homeland Security, Forbes.com, 2017
- Authored Article: “The United States H-2B Visa Program For Foreign Workers” Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horseman’s Association News, Volume 6, 2011
- Authored Article: “Immigration Enforcement: Government Increases Efforts to Curb Illegal Employment of Immigrants”, The Legal Intelligencer, June 14, 2011
- Authored Article: “Avoid or Survive the ICE Raid: Managing the I-9 Process and Employee Verification in 2009”, New Jersey Law Journal Vol CXCIV – No. 13, March 30, 2009
- Authored Article: “Uh Mr. Lawyer? There are 50 immigration officers at my front door” New Jersey Lawyer Vol. 17 Number 33, August 18, 2008
- Authored Advisory: “New I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification Form”, A&G Client Advisory, January 7, 2008
- Authored Advisory: “Employers Should Expect Congress to Enact Safe Harbor Act”, A&G Client Advisory, November 2006
- Authored Article: “Your Vacation Spot May Be Short-Staffed this Summer”, New Jersey Law Journal, Vol. CLXXIX-No. 13, March 28, 2005

