



Jeffrey J. Vita is one of the founding members of SDV and has more than two decades of experience handling complex, multi-party insurance matters in jurisdictions across the U.S. Jeff is recognized as a seasoned litigator, having successfully tried numerous cases to resolution and obtaining significant recoveries for his clients at both the trial and appellate level. Most notably, he successfully argued to the Connecticut Supreme Court that construction defect claims constitute an occurrence under general liability policies, a decision that impacted the national debate on this issue.

In addition to his active litigation practice, Jeff also works with clients to craft creative risk transfer solutions. He counsels on insurance and risk management issues related to the construction, manufacturing, power and energy, transportation, healthcare and real estate industries, as well as in the municipal sector. Jeff has been retained as an expert witness in complex coverage actions, and has authored numerous articles and frequently lectures on insurance coverage issues such as additional insured, bad faith, priority and allocation of coverage, risk transfer and indemnity, builder's risk, business interruption, professional liability and wrap-up insurance programs. He has been named to Best Lawyers® in America from 2006-2017, 2024-2025, and has been selected as a New England Super Lawyer from 2007-2024.

A member of both the firm's Management and Executive Committees, Jeff has also served in leadership roles within the community as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals in Hamden, Connecticut. He currently resides in Wallingford, Connecticut with his family.

Expert Witness Experience:

**Capstone Bldg. Corp. v. Am. Motorist Ins. Co.**

Docket: 2:08-cv-00513-RDP

Court: N.D. Ala.

Date: 10/29/2008

Witness for: Capstone on defense and indemnity Costs incurred by Capstone

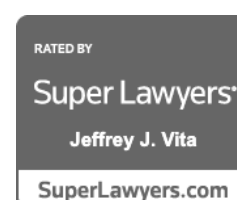
**Marjam Supply Co. v. Levy & Droney**

Docket: HHD: CV-11-6024374-S

Court: Conn. Super. Ct.

Date: 1/9/2014

Witness for: Marjam on insurance policy content and provisions; Standard of Care in law firm's representation of Marjam in connection with the claim



**ADMISSION**

- Connecticut
- District of Columbia
- Massachusetts
- New Jersey
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

**EDUCATION**

- Quinnipiac University School of Law, Juris Doctor
- University of Connecticut, Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*

**PARAPROFESSIONALS**

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**PUBLICATIONS**

- Insuring Lease/Leaseback Projects
- Top 10 Insurance Cases of 2018

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Top 10 Cases of 2019
- COVID-19 Business Interruption Lawsuits Begin: Iconic Oceana Grill in New Orleans Files Insurance Coverage Lawsuit
- An Insurance Checklist for the Hospitality and Commercial Real Estate Industries in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 2024 IRMI Construction Risk Conference (CRC)
- 2024 Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) Surety Bonding and Construction Risk Management Conference
- Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA) Annual Conference & Exhibition
- 2023 AGC Surety Bonding and Construction Risk Management Conference
- 2022 IRMI Construction Risk Conference
- 2022 Florida RIMS Educational Conference
- Women Builders Council Power Lunch
- AGC 2019 Conference on Surety Bonding and Construction Risk Management
- 2025 Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) Surety Bonding and Construction Risk Management Conference

- American Bar Association Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee, Construction Subcommittee, Co-Chair
- American College of Coverage Counsel, Fellow
- Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Connecticut
- Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Massachusetts
- Connecticut Bar Association
  - Bankruptcy Section
  - Business Law Section
  - Commercial Law Section
  - Insurance Law Section, Chairman 2005-2008
  - Litigation Section
- New York State Bar Association

## PROFESSIONAL AWARDS & HONORS

- Chambers USA Legal Guide: Connecticut – Insurance, 2024
- Best Lawyers in America – Insurance Law, 2024
- Best Lawyers in America – 2006-2017
- Connecticut Super Lawyer – 2007-2023

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