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Areas of Practice

- Appellate & Supreme Court
- Copyright
- Intellectual Property
- IP Litigation
- Patent Litigation
- Section 337/ITC Litigation
- Trade Secrets
- Trademark

Education

- Santa Clara University School of Law, J.D.
- Stanford University, A.B.

Bar & Court Admissions

- California
- US Supreme Court
- US District Court, Central District of California
- US District Court, Eastern District of California
- US District Court, Northern District of California
- US District Court, Southern District of California
- US District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- US District Court, Eastern District of Texas

William F. Abrams, the managing partner of Steptoe's Palo Alto office, is a seasoned trial and appellate lawyer who is, as reported by *Chambers USA*, "frankly brilliant at what he does; he finds the fight his client can fight, and performs very well," as well as a "wizard of the patent bar... a courageous litigator who understands both the broader picture and the social context surrounding issues." He was named a "California Lawyer of the Year" by *California Magazine* and a Top 100 Lawyer and Top 75 IP Lawyer by *The Daily Journal*.

Mr. Abrams has been lead counsel in over 70 patent, trade secret and other IP cases since 2000, including trials, arbitrations and appeals in federal and state courts involving patent infringement, trade secrets and misappropriation, interference and business torts, technology transfer and licensing, trademarks and advertising, and copyright. He has also been litigation counsel and advised companies and individuals in defamation, First Amendment and cases involving media, and in privacy matters. Mr. Abrams represents public and private companies in a wide range of industries, including software and hardware companies, Internet and media, universities and research institutions, life sciences, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, financial institutions, media and publishing, and wineries and alcoholic beverage companies. He also has extensive experience in public interest and Constitutional litigation in trial and appellate courts.

Mr. Abrams is a consulting professor at Stanford University, where he teaches courses on intellectual property, policy, civil rights, children's legal issues and the death penalty. He was honored as the 2009 commencement speaker for the Program in Human Biology and received the 2004 Human Biology "Excellence in Advising" award. Mr. Abrams founded the Abrams Fellowship at the Haas Center for Public Interest, a program that awards fellowships for undergraduates to work in public interest law, and the Abrams Family Fellowship for students to take gap years to undertake service projects. He is also a faculty adviser to the Stanford Students with Disabilities.

William F. Abrams

- US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Pro Bono and Community Activities

Mr. Abrams has handled a number of high-profile pro bono matters through the US and California Supreme Courts, particularly involving the death penalty, education, rights of children and youth, and foster care and children's welfare. Mr. Abrams was named a "Lawyer of the Year" by *California Lawyer* magazine for his representation of group foster homes against the state of California for the state's failure to provide funding for care of foster children as required by the Child Welfare Act. He received the State Bar of California Wiley Manual Award for pro bono legal representation and is a *Daily Journal* Pro Bono Achievement Honoree. Mr. Abrams was counsel for the city and county of San Francisco in the successful litigation that prevented the San Francisco Giants from moving to Tampa, Fla., in 1992. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Center for Human Rights, the Youth Law Center, and the Silicon Valley Campaign for Legal Services (and former Co-Chair), served on the Steering Committee of the American Bar Association Death Penalty Representation Project and is counsel for defendants in capital cases in Alabama, and working with the Northern California Innocence Project as counsel for a man seeking exoneration for his murder conviction and release from over 20 years in prison. Mr. Abrams also serves on the Advisory Board for the Center for the Legal Profession at Stanford Law School.

Noteworthy

- *Chambers USA*, Intellectual Property: Patent (California), 2006–2015
- *Chambers USA*, Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright & Trade Secrets (California), 2011-2013; 2015
- *Daily Journal's* "Top 75 Intellectual Property Litigators in California," 2009-2014
- *IAM Patent 1000*, Litigation: California, 2014-2015
- Named Lawyer of the Year, *The Best Lawyers in America*, Technology, 2014
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Patent Litigation, Technology, and Intellectual Property, 2009–2016
- *Managing Intellectual Property's* "IP Stars" in California, 2013-2015
- Northern California *Super Lawyers*, 2004–2015
- "Silicon Valley's Top 300 Lawyers" and "Silicon Valley's Top Legal Eagles," *San Jose Magazine*, 2001–2013
- Named one of the top 100 lawyers in California, *Daily Journal*, 2010
- Named California attorney of the year CLAY Award, *California Lawyer Magazine*, 2010
- John J. Curtin Jr. Public Service Award, 2009

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Representative Matters

Pro Bono

- *Calif. Alliance of Child and Family Services v. Allenby*, 589 F3d. 1017 (2009)
- *Calif. Alliance of Child and Family Services v. Wagner*, 2009 U.S. Dist. Lexis 107613 (2009)
- *Sinclair Paint Co. v. State Board of Equalization*, 15 Cal. 4th 866 (1997)
- *In re Michael H.*, 10 Cal. 4th 1043 (1995)
- *U.S. v. Lopez*, 115 S. Ct. 1624 (1995) (counsel for *amicus curiae*).
- *DeBoer v. DeBoer*, 114 S. Ct. 1 and 114 S. Ct. 11 (1993)
- *Reno v. Flores*, 113 S. Ct. 1439 (1993) (counsel for *amicus curiae*)

Select Seminars & Events

“A Workshop on Partner Succession Planning & Practice Group Transitioning within the Firm,” Legal Executive Forum, March 25, 2015

“Science, Innovation, & The Law: Protecting Ideas & Entrepreneurship,” Raising the Bar, February 24, 2015

Co-Chair and Speaker, Patent Disputes Forum, December 4, 2014

Co-Chair and Speaker, Patent Disputes Forum, September 30, 2014



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Areas of Practice

- Commercial Litigation, Insolvency & Creditors' Rights
- Energy
- White-Collar Criminal Defense
- Litigation

Education

- Yale Law School, J.D., 1992, Joseph L. Parker Prize in Legal History
- Yale University, M. Phil., 1989, Mellon Fellow in the Humanities, Richard J. Franke Prize Fellow in the Humanities
- Stanford University, A.B., 1986, Phi Beta Kappa, President's Award for Academic Excellence

Judicial Clerkships

- Hon. Myron H. Thompson, Chief Judge, US District Court, Middle District of Alabama

Bar & Court Admissions

- California
- New York
- US District Court, Central District of California
- US District Court, Eastern District of California

Laurie Edelstein, a partner in Steptoe's Palo Alto office, focuses on commercial litigation, energy litigation, government investigations and regulatory enforcement proceedings, and white-collar defense.

Known for her mastery of the law and her ability to explain complex facts in an easy to understand way to judges and juries, Ms. Edelstein obtains successful results for her clients based on her pretrial work, winning numerous dispositive and other pretrial motions through her brief writing and forceful oral advocacy. Most recently, Ms. Edelstein won the dismissal of an unfair business practices and fraud class action against a major public utility because the relief sought was barred as a matter of law.

Ms. Edelstein is also a seasoned trial lawyer. One judge before whom she tried a case remarked that Ms. Edelstein was "extremely knowledgeable both in the law and the minutiae of the facts" and provided "extraordinarily strong representation for her client." In a recent breach of contract action, Ms. Edelstein obtained a judgment for her client on statute of limitations grounds. She was also part of the trial team that won the acquittal of a Bear Stearns hedge fund manager in a federal criminal jury trial.

Ms. Edelstein is also an experienced and successful appellate advocate. She recently won a reversal of a trial court order denying arbitration in a renewable energy contract dispute.

Ms. Edelstein's matters have included contract disputes, renewable energy issues, claims of securities and tax-related fraud, insider trading allegations, breach of fiduciary duty claims, and consumer class actions. She represents companies and individuals in federal and state courts throughout the country and also represents clients in SEC investigations and enforcement actions, and in criminal investigations and proceedings. Earlier in her career, Ms. Edelstein was a lawyer in the law department of Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Ms. Edelstein is active in the community and serves as the chair of the board of directors of Tandem, an early childhood literacy and family engagement organization, and as a member of the board of The Cutting Ball Theater, an experimental theater company.

Laurie Edelstein

- US District Court, Northern District of California
- US District Court, Southern District of California
- US District Court, Eastern District of New York
- US District Court, Southern District of New York

Noteworthy

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation, 2016

Representative Matters

- Defense of a public utility in a multiple-plaintiff lawsuit arising from installation of wireless meters and alleged harmful radio frequency emissions
- Representation of individuals in US Department of Justice false claims investigation into medical device company
- Defense of a bank employee in an insider trading case
- Defense of a public utility in a class action challenging implementation of a customer assistance program
- Representation of a public utility in an appeal of trial court denial of arbitration of renewable energy power purchase agreement
- Defense of a high-level mutual fund executive in a SEC enforcement action, shareholder derivative suit, and related civil litigation arising from a bond fund's investments in mortgage-backed securities
- Representation of a public utility in a breach of contract action to recover millions of dollars in overpayments for electricity during the 2000-2001 California energy crisis
- Defense of an investment representative in a federal criminal tax fraud case and related civil litigation
- Defense of a hedge fund manager in a federal criminal securities fraud action, SEC enforcement action, and related civil litigation arising from collapse of hedge funds invested in mortgage-backed CDOs
- Defense of public utility in a consumer class action alleging violations of inspection and maintenance obligations
- Representation of an international bank in a fraud action brought by a hedge fund concerning a stock purchase agreement
- Representation of a national winery in an investigation related to its liquor marketing practices

Select Seminars & Events

"Distinguishing Between Business Ethics and Legal Ethics and Ensuring the Code of Professional Responsibility is Followed with Regard to Conflicts Challenges, Privileges, Internal Investigations, and Waivers," Working Group, Women Leaders in Environmental, January 2015

Laurie Edelstein

"Distinguishing Between Business Ethics and Legal Ethics and Ensuring the Code of Professional Responsibility is Followed with Regard to Conflicts Challenges, Privileges, Internal Investigations, and Waivers," Working Group, Women Leaders in Environmental, January 2015

"Thinking Like a GC: Updates on the Substantive Legal Developments Affecting Energy Companies in 2015 and Beyond," Women Leaders in Environmental & Energy Law, American Conference Institute, January 2015

"Thinking Like a GC: Updates on the Substantive Legal Developments Affecting Energy Companies in 2015 and Beyond," Women Leaders in Environmental & Energy Law, American Conference Institute, January 2015

"Cyber Threats: Interfacing With Law Enforcement in a Changing Legal and National Security Environment," National Association of Minority & Women Owned Law Firms 2013 Annual Meeting, September 2013

"Cyber Threats: Interfacing With Law Enforcement in a Changing Legal and National Security Environment," National Association of Minority & Women Owned Law Firms 2013 Annual Meeting, September 2013

Selected Publications

"Landmark 'Willful Blindness' Decision Has Failed to Deliver," *Daily Journal*, April 4, 2014

"Jury Instructions: Key Topics in Federal White Collar Cases," *The Champion*, September-October 2012

"A Year Post-'Janus,'" *The Recorder*, July 2, 2012

Professional Affiliations

Edward J. McFetridge Inn of Court

National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys

Bar Association of San Francisco

Bay Area Women White Collar Defense Attorneys



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Areas of Practice

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- Securities Litigation & Enforcement
- Litigation
- White-Collar Criminal Defense
- Government & Internal Investigations

Education

- Columbia University School of Law, J.D. 2005, Recipient, James Kent Scholar, Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, Public Service Fellowship
- Pomona College, B.A., 2001

Judicial Clerkships

- Law Clerk, Hon. Robert W. Sweet, US District Court, Southern District of New York, 2005-2006

Bar & Court Admissions

- California
- New York
- US District Court, Eastern District of New York
- US District Court, Southern District of New York
- US District Court, District of the District of Columbia

Sarah Jackel is of counsel in Steptoe's Palo Alto office, where she is a member of the Litigation Department. Her practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, regulatory enforcement proceedings, and white-collar criminal matters.

Ms. Jackel is an experienced litigator who has represented corporations in a broad range of commercial disputes in federal and state court, including breach of contract, securities litigation, breach of fiduciary duty, and fraud. She works with clients in a variety of sectors, including financial services, energy, and pharmaceuticals. She is well-versed in all aspects of litigation, and has been successful in obtaining victories for clients in many cases through both dispositive motion practice and trial.

Ms. Jackel also has extensive experience defending individuals and companies in regulatory enforcement proceedings and criminal matters. She worked on a number of cases arising out of the subprime mortgage crisis and has defended clients in a variety of other cases brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Department of Justice. Ms. Jackel's white-collar representations include cases involving allegations of federal securities laws violations, off-label marketing, anti-trust violations, violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and violations of anti-kickback laws.

Throughout her career, Ms. Jackel has also actively participated in pro bono matters. In a recent matter, she helped a client win a new trial based on newly discovered evidence that he was wrongly convicted of murder twenty years earlier. She also represented detainees held without charge at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, many of whom she helped obtain repatriation to their home countries.



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Areas of Practice

- Intellectual Property
- IP Litigation

Education

- Cornell Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2011, Order of the Coif, *Cornell Law Review*
- Princeton University, A.B., *cum laude*, Philosophy, 2008

Judicial Clerkships

- Judicial Clerk, Hon. Chief Judge Curtis V. Gómez, US District Court for the District of the Virgin Islands, 2011

Bar & Court Admissions

- California
- US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

David H. Kwasniewski is an associate in Steptoe's Palo Alto office, where he is a member of the Intellectual Property Group.

Mr. Kwasniewski focuses his practice on intellectual property litigation, including expert and fact discovery, witness preparation, discovery and dispositive motion practice, depositions, and trial preparation. He also has broad experience in many matters related to commercial litigation.

Recently, Mr. Kwasniewski was second-chair in a trial, where he drafted the pretrial motions, handled jury instructions, and cross-examined the defendants.

Noteworthy

- Legal Intern, Department of Justice, Civil Division, Commercial Litigation Branch, Washington, DC, Summer 2011
- Legal Intern, US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, Summer 2010
- Intern, San Francisco District Attorney's Office, Summer 2009
- Former Chancellor, Cornell Law School Moot Court Board, 2010-2011



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Areas of Practice

- International Tax Controversy and Transfer Pricing
- Corporate Tax Transactions
- International Tax
- Tax Treatment of Exempt Organizations
- Tax

Education

- Harvard Law School, J.D., 2002
- Duke University, A.B., Political Science, *magna cum laude*, 1999

Bar & Court Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Virginia

Greg Kidder focuses on federal income taxation issues, with particular emphasis on the taxation of corporate entities and cross-border transactions.

Mr. Kidder advises clients on structuring corporate transactions, including mergers, acquisitions, and spin-off transactions for large public corporations, as well as closely held businesses. He also advises clients on international issues, including deferral, foreign tax credits, and tax treaty matters.

In addition to providing tax planning advice, Mr. Kidder also assists clients in tax controversy matters, including all stages of the Internal Revenue Service administrative process and in litigation. He has extensive experience negotiating with field agents, appeals officers and district counsel in settling significant audit issues.

Prior to graduating from Harvard Law School, Mr. Kidder worked as a summer associate for both Steptoe and a Chicago law firm.

During the summer of 1998, Mr. Kidder worked as a White House intern in the Office of the Counsel to the President, where he assisted attorneys and staff with work relating to the President's federal judicial appointments.

Noteworthy

- *The Legal 500 US*, Tax: Domestic Tax – East Coast, 2014

Select Seminars & Events

"Corporate Tax Update," *Denver Tax Institute*, July 30, 2015

"Significant Issues in Spin-Off Transactions: Structuring Opportunities, Traps, and Limitations," *TEI 2015 Midyear Conference*, March 23, 2015

Federal Bar Association Tax Law Conference 2015, March 6, 2015

"Consolidated Tax Return Regulations 2015," *Practicing Law Institute*, February 23, 2015

Gregory N. Kidder

"Tax Strategies for Corporate Acquisitions, Dispositions, Spin-Offs, Joint Ventures, Financings, Reorganizations & Restructurings 2014," PLI Seminar, October 15, 2014

"Corporate Tax Transactions," *TEI Region VII Annual Conference*, June 27, 2014

Selected Publications

Considering *Veritas* and Future Transfer Pricing Litigation
October 13, 2014, *Tax Notes*

Basics of US Tax-Free Spin-Offs Under Section 355
November 2011, *International Taxation*

A New Form of Obscenity? Sorting through the Federal Circuit's "We Know It When We See It" Ruling in *Coltec*
2011, *Practising Law Institute*

Assessing the Value of the Proposed "No Net Value" Regulations
2011

Tax Executives Institute Seminar on Mergers and Acquisitions
October 26, 2007

Don't Make *Coltec* Problem Worse
March 26, 2007, *Vol XXX No 13 Legal Times*

Economic Substance Doctrine: Sorting Through the Federal Circuit's "We Know It When We See It" Ruling in *Coltec*
December 31, 2006, *The Tax Executive (November-December 2006)*

The Economic Substance Doctrine: Sorting through the Federal Circuit's "We Know It When We See It" Ruling in *Coltec*
November 2006, *The Tax Executive*



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Areas of Practice

- Litigation
- Appellate & Supreme Court
- Securities Litigation & Enforcement
- Products Liability, Pharmaceutical & Mass Tort Litigation

Education

- The George Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1982
- University of Oxford, M.Litt., 1979
- Princeton University, B.A., 1976

Judicial Clerkships

- Hon. Justice William Brennan Jr., US Supreme Court, 1984-1985
- Hon. Henry Politz, US Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 1982-1983

Bar & Court Admissions

- New York
- US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Michael Rips is special counsel in Steptoe's New York office, where he is a member of the Litigation Department. Mr. Rips, a former clerk to Justice William Brennan on the US Supreme Court and Judge Henry Politz of the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, has extensive experience in various areas of appellate and trial litigation, including securities law, intellectual property, criminal law, antitrust, and art law.

Specifically, Mr. Rips successfully tried one of the largest class action cases involving alleged securities fraud. His securities litigation matters have also involved internal investigations, arbitrations, and white-collar criminal cases. Mr. Rips has an outstanding record representing Fortune 500 companies in pre-trial and post-trial legal proceedings, including briefing and arguing dispositive motions and appeals across the country. Additionally, Mr. Rips has served as a senior supervisory lawyer for Steptoe's service as national coordinating counsel for a major client's asbestos litigation.

In the areas of art law and litigation, Mr. Rips is sought out by the top artists, museums, and foundations to provide legal representation on matters involving copyright and intellectual property issues. For example, his esteemed clients include the Dia Art Foundation, the Estate of Dan Flavin, and the artist James Rosenquist, to name a few. Mr. Rips also writes extensively on the subjects of art law and art theory for *The New York Times* and other publications, and provides commentary on these topics.

Representative Appellate Victories

- *Jones v. Attorney General of U.S.*, 397 Fed.Appx. 831 (3d Cir. Oct 18, 2010) (reversing the Board of Immigration Appeals because the board did not apply the proper level of deference to the decision of alien's Immigration Judge)
- *Estate of Lois Mancini v. American International Group, Inc.*, A-3180-08T1 (N.J. Super. Ct. App. Div., Mar 30, 2010) (affirming grant of summary judgment based on appellants' repeated failure to comply with discovery order and appellants' failure to demonstrate that "exceptional circumstances" existed in support of their motion to extend discovery)

Michael Rips

- *Boccardi Capital Systems, Inc. v. D.E. Shaw Laminar Portfolios, L.L.C.*, 355 Fed.Appx. 516 (2d Cir. Dec 09, 2009) (affirming dismissal of complaint seeking \$68 million for breach of contract in failing to pay appellant his share of profits gained in purchase of stock in casino because confidentiality agreement did not bar respondent's purchase and sale of stock)
- *Simon v. Republic of Iraq*, 529 F.3d 1187 (D.C.Cir. Jun 24, 2008) (reversing lower court on grounds that neither § 1083 of the National Defense Authorization Act nor President Bush's waiver under § 1083(d) thereof deprives the courts of jurisdiction over cases brought by former POWs for the torture they endured in captivity at the hands of the Iraqi regime during the 1990–91 Gulf War)
- *Koulianos v. Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.*, 962 So.2d 357 (Fla. 4th DCA 2007) (affirming dismissal of cases for failure to satisfy Florida's statute of repose)
- *Kish v. A.W. Chesterton Co.*, 930 So. 2d 704 (Fla. 3d DCA 2006) (affirming lower court's holding that Florida's statute of repose bars fraudulent misrepresentation claims regarding actions that allegedly took place over twelve years ago)

Selected Publications

Rewriting Fair Use in '*Cariou v. Prince*'
October 21, 2013, *New York Law Journal*

Fair Use, Art, Swiss Cheese and Me
June 16, 2012, *The New York Times*

Harmless Error?
July 9, 2008, *The New York Sun*

The Appeal of Conrad Black
April 21, 2008, *The New York Sun*

Who Owns Seydou Keita?
January 22, 2006, *The New York Times*

So Much for Freedom
October 2, 2005, *The New York Times*

Times v. Scalia
October 28, 2004, *The New York Sun*

Outlandish Awards
2004, *The New York Sun*



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Areas of Practice

- Litigation
- Trade Secrets

Education

- Harvard Law School, J.D., 2006; Executive Editor, *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*
- Harvard College, A.B., History, *magna cum laude*, 2003

Bar & Court Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland

Jeffrey Theodore is of counsel in Steptoe's Washington office, where he is a member of the Litigation Department. Mr. Theodore's practice focuses on appellate and commercial litigation.

Noteworthy

Washington, DC *Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, Business Litigation, 2013-2015

Selected Publications

The Asset Tracing and Recovery Review, United States Chapter, Second Edition 2014

US Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Worldwide Discovery Against Foreign Sovereigns
June 16, 2014

Steve Davidson, Michael Baratz, Jeff Theodore, and Jared Butcher Author Chapter in *The Asset Tracing and Recovery Review* 2013

A Road Map for Document Preservation: Keeping the Nightmares at Bay
October 25, 2013, *Litigation Journal*

Diesel Exhaust Claims: Stalled or Just Getting Started?
August 2, 2012, *Law360*



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Areas of Practice

- Telecom, Internet & Media
- Litigation

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 2009
- Brown University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Honor Society, 2003

Bar & Court Admissions

- District of Columbia
- New York

Andrew Golodny, an associate in Steptoe's Washington office, is a member of the Telecom, Internet & Media Group. Mr. Golodny has assisted in a variety of matters, including being part of a small trial team which represented a small ISP's anti-spam complaints in federal court. He was involved in all aspects of the case from discovery through extensive motions practice and a two-week jury trial.

Mr. Golodny also has significant experience with complex electronic discovery through his regulatory practice. He has managed the second request document collection process for a complex merger matter worth almost \$2 billion. He coordinated teams among outside counsel, the client's in-house legal department, document collection vendor, and contract attorney reviewers. He has also represented clients in sophisticated regulatory proceedings before the Surface Transportation Board (STB) also involving electronic discovery, fact development, and drafting regulatory pleadings.

Mr. Golodny worked as a judicial intern for Judge Gladys Kessler at the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Mr. Golodny worked in the Criminal Section of the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia. Prior to attending law school, he worked as Lead Project Manager at DCS Services and as Director of Internet Operations for Tom Daschle for South Dakota. He also worked for Senators John Edwards, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Charles Schumer.

Mr. Golodny also participates in the firm's pro bono program. He has worked on immigration matters, including a political asylum case from the Congo, and successfully secured asylum for a victim of domestic violence from Honduras. He also previously served on the firm's Associates' Committee.



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Areas of Practice

- Litigation

Education

- Harvard Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2012, Notes Editor, *Harvard Law Review*
- Ohio State University, B.A., *summa cum laude*, Spanish and Political Science, 2008, Phi Beta Kappa

Judicial Clerkships

- Hon. Debra Ann Livingston, US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 2012-2013

Bar & Court Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Virginia

Benjamin B. Watson is an associate in Steptoe's Washington office, where he is a member of the Litigation Department.

Selected Publications

Fourth Circuit Enforces Restrictions in Additional Insured Endorsement
Insurance Law Advisory, Issue 142
July 9, 2015

Fifth Circuit Holds that "Expenses" Includes Legal Costs under Texas Law
Insurance Law Advisory, Issue 139
May 12, 2015

Recasting Claims Under CGL Policies is Rough in 5th Circ.
February 18, 2015, *Law360*

Fifth Circuit Holds Liability Coverage for Claimed Violations of "Person's Right of Privacy" Does Not Extend to Lawsuit Brought by Business
Insurance Coverage Advisory, Issue 124
February 2, 2015

Clapper v. Amnesty International and Data Privacy Litigation: Is a Change to the Law "Certainly Impending"?
Fall 2014, *Richmond Journal of Law & Technology* (Volume XXI, Issue 1)



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Areas of Practice

- Litigation

Languages

- French

Education

- University of Chicago Law School, J.D., 2014, *with honors*
- Washington University in St. Louis, B.A., 2009, French and Political Science

Bar & Court Admissions

- Illinois
- US District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Lauren Jaffe, an associate in Steptoe's Chicago office, focuses her practice in the area of complex commercial litigation in both state and federal courts. She represents clients in a variety of matters, including contract, property, securities, tort, and qui tam disputes. She has experience researching and drafting memoranda, motions, and jury instructions.

While in law school, Ms. Jaffe was a member of the Federal Criminal Justice Clinic, where she represented an indigent criminal defendant in federal court from plea bargaining through sentencing, helping to cut the government's requested sentence for her client by nine years. Prior to law school, Ms. Jaffe worked as a paralegal at the US Department of Justice in the Criminal Tax Division, assisting with cases from grand jury through trial and sentencing. For her efforts, she received a Tax Division Award for Outstanding Service.

Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association
Illinois Bar Association
Chicago Bar Association

