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Jeffery Sprys represents insurance carriers and their insureds in all aspects of civil litigation with particular emphasis on matters involving first-party no-fault benefits, third-party automobile negligence, premises liability, coverage disputes and general negligence claims.

After graduating from law school, Jeff spent nearly a decade defending cases as retained and staff counsel. During this time, he also spent several years as a litigation adjuster for a national publicly traded insurance carrier managing personal and commercial lines claims. From 2015 to 2022, Jeff represented injured parties as plaintiffs' counsel at well-respected Metro Detroit law firms.

Education

- Thomas M. Cooley Law School (J.D., 2005)
 - magna cum laude
- Oakland University (B.A., 2001)

Bar Admissions

- Michigan
- District of Columbia

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan

Services

- Insurance & Reinsurance Defense
- Transportation

Professional Affiliations

- Macomb County Bar Association

Client Wins

Mulvaney and Sprys Obtain Summary Judgment for Retailer, Thwarting Assault Claim

Kevin Mulvaney (Partner-Detroit, MI) and Jeffery Sprys (Of Counsel-Detroit, MI) obtained summary judgment in the Wayne County Third Circuit Court, Detroit, Michigan, for Wilson Elser's client, an international retailer. In the amended complaint, the plaintiff alleges he was stabbed inside our client's Detroit store. The plaintiff allegedly visited the store to purchase shoes and speak with a store employee previously involved in a disagreement with the plaintiff's sister. The plaintiff and the store employee got into a physical altercation, resulting in the plaintiff being stabbed by the employee multiple times in the abdomen. The plaintiff underwent numerous surgeries at a local hospital and allegedly required extensive rehabilitation. The claims alleged in the complaint brought against Wilson Elser's client include negligence, gross negligence, recklessness, intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligent hiring, negligent training, negligent supervision and negligent infliction of emotional distress. During discovery, the plaintiff admitted to throwing the first punch and to having chased the employee throughout the store before sustaining any wounds. Kevin and Jeff argued that Michigan's Wrongful Conduct Rule bars recovery due to the plaintiff's culpability in starting the fight before being injured. They successfully maintained that the plaintiff's actions set in motion the foreseeable chain of events that led to his stabbing, with his actions the proximate cause of his injuries. The court concurred and dismissed the case, negating a last demand of \$2.5 million.