



## Jeffrey D. Hill

Partner

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Jeffrey Hill is an accomplished litigator who focuses his practice on the defense of claims related to general liability, premises liability, product liability, and commercial litigation. He also effectively handles professional liability matters, including litigation involving directors and officers, and lawyers, among other professionals. He prides himself on building strong, collaborative relationships with the attorneys and professionals he represents, combining their knowledge, skill, and experience with his own to craft defense strategies tailored to each case's unique circumstances.

Jeff also has extensive experience advising insurance companies on coverage-related matters, including coverage determinations, claims handling, settlement negotiations, and bad faith avoidance. Insurer clients frequently call on Jeff to assist special investigations units in assessing claims in coverage matters, due to his strong background in criminal investigations and prosecution.

In addition to his litigation practice, Jeff is well-versed in alternative dispute resolution methods. He assists clients in all matters related to domestic and international arbitration and holds an LL.M. degree in International Dispute Resolution from Queen Mary University of London.

Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Jeff was in-house counsel for Allstate Insurance, primarily handling first- and third-party claims, including those with demands exceeding \$1 million. Jeff began his career as an Assistant Criminal District Attorney with the Rockwall County District Attorney's Office, where he prosecuted a broad range of matters, including complex felony cases with fact patterns spanning more than 10 years. He also tried more than 40 jury cases as an ADA, achieving a 93% success rate.

### **Professional Liability**

Jeff's professional liability experience includes successfully representing a wide array of

### **Services**

- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage
- Contractual/Extra-Contractual Liability Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance
- Professional Liability Coverage
- Lawyers' Liability

professionals in state and federal courts facing charges of ethical and professional misconduct. His clients include lawyers, accountants, directors and officers, and various miscellaneous professionals. Jeff is equally comfortable taking professional liability cases to trial or pursuing alternative dispute resolution methods, resulting in expedited, cost-efficient outcomes that align with his clients' objectives.

## **Education**

- Queen Mary University, London (LL.M. International Dispute Resolution, *with merit*, 2025)
- Oklahoma City University School of Law (J.D., 2014)
  - CALI Award Client Representation: Negotiation; visiting student, SMU Dedman School of Law, 2013–2014
- Texas State University (B.A. Philosophy and Political Science, 2011)

## **Bar Admissions**

- Texas
- Colorado
- Oklahoma

## **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico

## **Professional Affiliations**

- International Association of Special Investigation Units
- Texas Association of Special Investigation Units

## **Awards & Honors**

- SMU Board of Advocates, Judge of the Year, 2016–2017