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Professional Credentials

- J.D. (2006) Seton Hall University School of Law, *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif
- B.A. (2003) Trinity College, with honors

Timothy R. Freeman

Partner

Mr. Freeman focuses his practice in the areas of product liability and catastrophic personal injury. His clients include manufacturers of heavy equipment, home appliances, and consumer products, as well as transportation companies and individuals. He regularly provides counsel to clients in high exposure, complex litigation from the moment a complaint is filed until the final appeal is resolved. Mr. Freeman's trial experience includes a recent matter where he helped achieve a defense verdict in a complex product liability lawsuit where the plaintiffs were seeking in excess of \$100 million in damages.

Mr. Freeman is an active member of the New Jersey Defense Association (NJDA) and currently serves as Vice President for the Northeast Region of the organization. The NJDA named Mr. Freeman the Young Lawyer of the Year Award recipient in 2021. He was honored in Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch for Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants in 2022.

While in law school, Mr. Freeman was the business editor of the Seton Hall Law Review and a recipient of the Raymond Del Tufo Constitutional Law Award (highest Constitutional Law GPA in class). After law school, he clerked for the Hon. Donald S. Coburn, Presiding Judge, Appellate Division, Superior Court of New Jersey.

Mr. Freeman is admitted to practice law in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and before the U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, and the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York.

Experience

- Member of a trial team that achieved a trial victory in a multi-million dollar contractual dispute regarding indemnification for product liability. First chair of appellate team that achieved an

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appellate victory that resulted in affirmance of the trial verdict and the award of attorney fees to our client.

- Member of the trial team that achieved a defense verdict, which was subsequently upheld by the Supreme Court of Virginia, in a complex product liability lawsuit where the plaintiffs were seeking in excess of \$100 million in damages.
- Member of the trial team that achieved a defense verdict, which was subsequently upheld on appeal, in a products liability lawsuit where the plaintiff was seeking damages in excess of \$10 million.
- Member of the trial team in a products liability action that achieved a settlement on very favorable terms for the client while the jury was deliberating. The plaintiff was seeking more than \$5 million in damages.
- Achieved summary judgment for a major client in a products liability action where the plaintiff was seeking in excess of \$1 million in damages. First chair at oral argument before the Supreme Court of New York, Appellate Division, Second Department, after which the trial court's decision to grant summary judgment was affirmed.

Memberships and Affiliations

Mr. Freeman is a member of the following organizations:

- New Jersey Defense Association
 - Vice President, Northern Region
 - Product Liability Committee's Liaison to the Board
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- New Jersey State Bar Association, Product Liability and Mass Tort Section

Presentations and Publications

- Author, [When To Object During Opening And Closing Statements](#), September 2022
- Author, [Product Liability Vs. Consumer Fraud: What's The Difference?](#), July 2022
- Presenter, [New Jersey Defense Association 56th annual convention](#), June 2022
- Author, [Duck Boat Case Highlights Post-Sale Duty-To-Warn Hudles](#), Law360, August 2021
- Co-Presenter, "Defending a Visibility Case Against a Manufacturer of Heavy Equipment", Association of Equipment Manufacturers' virtual Product Liability Seminar, August 2021
- Co-Presenter, [Perception & Expert Biases: Analyzing Testimony & Critiquing Opinions](#), New Jersey Defense Association 55th annual convention, June 2021
- Author, [Simple vs. Detailed: Inherent Tension in Warning Design](#), Industry Today, May 2021
- Author, [NY Courts Get The Balance Right On Optional Safety Features](#), Law360, January 2021
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- Author, [NJ's Appellate Division Addresses the 'Technical Feasibility' Requirement in Design Defect Claims](#), New Jersey Law Journal, December 2020.
- Author, [How to Avoid Liability When a Dealer or Distributor Fails to Instruct Consumers Properly](#), DRI's For the Defense, November 2020.
 - Author, [New Rule 4:25-8 Provides Needed Clarity on Procedure for Motions in Limine](#), New Jersey Law Journal, October 2020.
 - Presenter, [The Use and Abuse of Accident Data by the CPSC and NEISS](#), New Jersey Defense Association's 54th Annual Convention, August 2020
 - Author, [Key Defense Approaches To 'Other Similar Incident' Evidence](#), Law360, June 2020.
 - Presenter, "Beware the Middleman: How to Avoid Liability When a Distributor or Dealer Fails to Instruct the Consumer Properly," DRI Product Liability Conference, February 2020.
 - Author, [How The Wayback Machine Can Strengthen Your Case](#), Law360, September 2019.
 - Presenter, Products Liability Seminar: Jersey Strong: Strengthening Our Standards for Expert Admissibility, Newark, New Jersey, February 2019
 - Author, The Time Is Right For New Jersey To Adopt Daubert, Law360, April 2018
 - Author, Wrapping Your Head Around NJ Worker's Comp Jurisdiction, Law 360, (July 2015)
 - Author, NJ Supreme Court Clarifies Expert Testimony Rule, Law 360 (March 2015)
 - Author, 6th Circuit's CPSC Inaction Ruling May Help Manufacturers, Law 360, (March 2014)
 - Presenter, Using Industry Standards and Product Reporting as Critical Defenses, DRI Products Liability Conference, (February 2017)
 - Author, Compensatory or Punitive Damages? Tarr v. Ciasulli Blurs the Distinction, 36 Seton Hall L. Rev. 1285 (2006)