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Sean is an associate in the firm's Casualty Department where he handles all areas of general liability, premises liability, automobile liability, amusement liability, and civil rights litigation.

Prior to coming to the firm, Sean was an attorney at a local boutique civil rights firm. In this position, Sean handled matters for plaintiff employees and defendant employers alike in subject matters ranging from disability, race, age, and gender discrimination, sexual harassment, cannabis litigation, and whistleblower actions.

Sean received his *juris doctor* in 2020 from Rutgers Law School after having graduated from Ohio State University in 2017. Subsequent to graduating law school, Sean was a law clerk at the Bergen County Superior Court, Law Division, for the Honorable Avis Bishop-Thompson, now of the Appellate Division.

Sean is admitted to practice in both the State and District of New Jersey.

Education

- Rutgers Law School (J.D., 2020)
- The Ohio State University (B.A., *cum laude*, 2017)

Admissions

- New Jersey, 2021

Associations & Memberships

- Union County Bar Association
- Sydney Reitman Inns of Court 2021-2023
- National Employment Lawyers Association 2021-2023

Practices

- General Liability
- Premises & Retail Liability
- Automobile Liability
- Amusements, Sports & Recreation Liability
- Public Entity & Civil Rights Litigation

Results

Summary Judgment Secured in New Jersey Water Damage Case

We achieved summary judgment for our client, a commercial plumber, in the Cape May County Superior Court. The plaintiff alleged water leakage in the parking garage of a beach resort hotel resulted from defective plumbing work by the defendant. Specifically, the plaintiff argued that improper connections between the plumber's pipes and the drainage system caused the leaks. The defense motion for summary judgment demonstrated that the defendant's scope of work was limited to garage plumbing, performed according to specifications and unrelated to the waterproofing membrane or drainage system design flaws identified as the cause of the leaks. The court granted summary judgment, holding that the defendant owed no duty to the plaintiff beyond the limited scope of their work and dismissed all claims. The court denied the plaintiff's motion for reconsideration.

Thought Leadership

February 5, 2026

Appellate Division Provides Clear Guidance for Sellers, Brokers and Inspectors in Seller Disclosure Litigation

June 27, 2025

NJ Appellate Division Clarifies Consumer Fraud Act Exception for Insurance Producers, Upholds Plemmons