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PRACTICE EMPHASIS

- Appeals
- Employee Benefits and Retirement Security
- Complex Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Private Judge, Mediator, Special Master

EDUCATION

Yale University

B.A., 1970

University of California at Berkeley School of Law

Order of the Coif – J.D., 1975

Jeffrey Lewis has specialized in ERISA and employee benefits law since 1975. He has successfully litigated individual, group, and class action claims on behalf of hundreds of thousands of employees, retirees, and the disabled. He was a founding partner of Lewis, Feinberg, Lee & Jackson, one of the first firms in the nation to specialize in ERISA litigation on behalf of plaintiffs. Among his major successes was serving as one of appointed counsel for employees of WorldCom, Inc. in a class action which resulted in a settlement that paid more than \$47 million to participants in WorldCom’s 401(k) plan. He recently recovered over \$40 million for retirees after a lengthy trial in which he served as lead counsel. Mr. Lewis serves as a mediator for the U.S. District Court, the Northern District of California, and in private practice, and has served as an arbitrator and expert witness in ERISA cases. He has also advised employee groups and benefit plan fiduciaries, and has served as an independent fiduciary of employee benefit plans.

In addition to his litigation and advisory activities throughout the U.S., Mr. Lewis has testified before Congressional committees regarding pension issues and served as one of the Co-Chairs of the Senior Board of Editors of the Employee Benefits Law treatise. He has also taught employee benefits law at the University of California at Berkeley School of Law, as well as pension law courses at several other law schools.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- 1975, California
- 1976, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- 1981, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- 1985, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
- 1991, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- 1993, U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- 1995, Supreme Court of the United States
- 1999, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- 2001, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit
- 2001, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- 2004, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- 2005, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- 2007, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- 2015, U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- 2018, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Co-Chair of the Board of Senior Editors of Lewis, et al., *Employee Benefits Law* (3d ed. BNA)

Board of Senior Editors, *Employee Benefits Law* (2d ed. BNA)

Former editor of the Discrimination Claims Under ERISA chapter of *Employee Rights Litigation: Pleading and Practice* (Matthew Bender, 1991)

Frequent speaker on ERISA topics such as preemption, fiduciary duty, and benefit claims at seminars sponsored by the American Bar Association, the Bureau of National Affairs, the National Employment Lawyers Association (NELA), and other organizations.

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Elected as a charter fellow of the College of Employee Benefits Counsel, Board of Governors

American Bar Association, Member, Labor & Employment Section, Former Plaintiff Co-Chair of the Employee Benefits Committee

AC Transit Retirement Board, Chair, Board of Trustees

Goodyear Retiree Health Care Trust, Member of the Plan Committee

HONORS & AWARDS

Selected to Super Lawyers List, *Super Lawyers - Northern California*, 2005-2018

Selected to Top 100 Lawyers List in *Super Lawyers - Northern California*, 2010-2016

Top Attorney for ERISA Plaintiffs in the San Francisco Bar Area, *The Recorder*

Forty Top Benefits Attorneys, *The National Law Journal*, 1998