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Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Coverage
- Life Insurance & Annuities
- Litigation

Industry Sectors

- Software

Education

- University of Southern California Law School, J.D.
- Occidental College, B.A.

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court -- Western District of New York

Affiliations

National Structured Settlements Trade Association

Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution

Society of Colonial Wars

Stephen represents insurers and other corporate clients in a range of commercial disputes, including putative class actions, tortious interference, breach of contract, Uniform Commercial Code, and technology issues. He represents more insurers in structured settlement litigation throughout the nation than any other attorney in the country. He has also acted as counsel for insurers in appellate matters, including representation of trade associations as *amicus curiae*. He advises insurers on payment obligations and liability issues arising out of the administration of annuities and also represents insurance companies in cases involving the sale of life insurance policies in the secondary market.

As counsel for insurers in declaratory judgment actions, Stephen has voided more than \$60 million in coverage while his clients retained more than \$2 million in premium. He has litigated numerous ERISA, long-term disability and environmental coverage cases and acted as counsel to insurers and brokers on significant coverage claims across the country. He also represents corporate clients, including insurers, banks and railroads, in commercial litigation disputes, including putative class actions, construction claims, tortious interference, breach of contract, UCC and technology issues. He has extensive experience in the representation of individuals and charitable organizations in various Orphans' Court disputes, including will contests, and has also litigated and tried medical malpractice and products liability cases. Stephen recently obtained a judgment of \$12.5 million for an insurer in the Eastern District of New York in a case involving breach of contract and alter ego issues.

As an active member of the National Structured Settlements Trade Association, Stephen meets regularly with trade association members, structured settlement brokers, and insurers to discuss the latest structured settlement legal issues. He has served as co-chair of the National Structured Settlements Trade Association Legal Committee.

Stephen earned his undergraduate degree from Occidental College and his law degree from the University of Southern California Gould School of Law.

Experience

In the Matter of: A Transfer of Structured Settlement Payment Rights by Shantel D. Freelon, RSL Funding, LLC, Plaintiff v. J.G. Wentworth Originations, LLC, Defendant, In the 152nd District Court of Harris County, Texas, Cause No. 2012-18154 (Aug. 13, 2018).

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In Re: Standard Management Services, Inc. v. MacLay, No. 2017 CA 000050 SC, 2017 WL 2702038 (Fla. Cir. Ct. May 17, 2017)

Johnson v. J.G. Wentworth Originations, LLC, Case No. A156843, -- P.3d --, 2017 WL 767659, 2017 Ore.

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In Re Esperanza Hughes, No. 04-15-00482-CV, 2016 WL 4208116, 2016 Tex. App. LEXIS 8572

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company And Metlife Tower Resources Group v. B.J.L.Y., LLC, No. CV-15-505, 2016 WL 1444420, 2016 Ark. App. LEXIS 227 (Ark. Ct. App. April 13, 2016).

In re Griffin, No. CI52654, 2015 WL 5837607 (Tex. Cty. Ct. May 5, 2015)

RSL Funding, LLC v. Alford, No. E060421, 190 Cal. Rptr. 3d 917, 239 Cal. App. 4th 741 (Cal. Ct. App. 2015)

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In Re: J. G. Wentworth Originations LLC v Hall, 2014 N.Y. Slip Op 24075, Yates County, 2014 WL 1236669, 2014 N.Y. Misc. LEXIS 1270 (N.Y. Sup. 2014)

In Re: Approval for Transfer of Structured Settlement Payment Rights u/a/b RSL Funding, LLC and Jerry M. Green, 2013 WL 6697803 (5th Cir. FL. 2013)

In Re: Approval for Transfer of Structured Settlement Proceeds By Derrick Robotham, 2013 WL 127134 (5th Cir. FL. 2013)

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