



Jeff is an experienced trial lawyer who has litigated a wide-variety of disputes for clients including Fortune 500 companies, technology companies, manufacturing firms, high-frequency trading and investment firms, REITs, hedge funds, private equity firms, and individuals and small businesses. Since 2018, Jeff has been ranked by Chambers & Partners as a recognized practitioner for general commercial litigation in Illinois. Jeff also is a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, The Trial Lawyer Honorary Society, and a member of the Trial Law Institute and Diversity Law Institute.

Jeff spent ten years at Jenner & Block, where he was a partner in the Securities Litigation and Enforcement practice group and focused his practice on complex litigation and enforcement matters involving the financial services industry. Jeff, along with firm co-founder Chris Gair, represented the trustee for Sentinel Management Group, Inc. in dozens of lawsuits against Sentinel's former executives, clearing and custodial banks, brokers, auditors, and former customers, and succeeded in recovering hundreds of millions of dollars on behalf of Sentinel's creditors.

Since co-founding Gair Gallo, Jeff has continued focusing on complex commercial litigation. Recent trial victories and representative matters include:

- Winning an 8-figure arbitration award on behalf of an investment firm.
- Winning an arbitration on behalf of an audio-visual company against a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) provider.
- Winning arbitration of a multi-million dollar earnout dispute on behalf of a manufacturing company following its purchase of a family-owned business.
- Prevailing in arbitration on behalf of a distributor for improper termination of a distribution agreement.
- Recovering \$1.8 million on behalf of technology firm for breach of a development contract.
- Representing seven trading professionals and a high-frequency trading firm in a

noncompetition and trade secret claim brought by a competitor.

- Representing a large creditor in the Thomas Petters Ponzi scheme bankruptcy to obtain allowance of a multi-million claim.
- Representing 50% shareholder and director of closely-held corporation in lawsuit involving claims under the Illinois Business Corporation Act.
- Winning dismissal of \$5 million claim under Illinois Fiduciary Obligations Act on behalf of major Wall St. bank.

Jeff also has extensive experience conducting internal investigations and representing companies and individuals in investigations by the DOJ, SEC, CFTC, FINRA, and securities and commodities exchanges. Representative matters include representing a trading firm in an SEC investigation regarding market-making on an electronic platform and representing individuals in “spoofing” cases. Jeff also serves as counsel for Business Conduct Committee Panels of the Cboe Futures Exchange.

Jeff obtained a B.A. in Economics and Spanish and graduated *cum laude* from Colgate University in 1996. He received his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law in 2001, where he graduated *cum laude*, was Order of the Coif, and served as Editor of the Northwestern University Law Review. After law school, Jeff clerked for the Honorable Michael S. Kanne on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Jeff and his wife live in Chicago, where they raised their two children. When he is not working or spending time with his family, Jeff plays drums with his band and enjoys cooking, cycling, and reading.