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CLIFFORD B. COHN

Over more than 40 years, Clifford B. Cohn has litigated a variety of complex and high-stakes civil and criminal matters, with a focus on representing lawyers and clients in partnership dissolutions, fee disputes, disciplinary proceedings, and legal malpractice actions. Mr. Cohn has an impressive track record on both sides, having successfully defended lawyers in professional negligence actions and recovered millions of dollars for former clients in lawsuits against their prior attorneys. He has handled hundreds of trials, and lectured and written about professional liability issues, risk management for professionals and litigation techniques and practice. Mr. Cohn is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, Florida and various Federal Courts including the Supreme Court of the United States. He is listed as the top one percent of attorneys in the United States by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel, 10/10 by AVVO, Top 100 Trial Lawyers by the National Trial Lawyers and for more than 25 years has been 5/5 AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell.



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For 40 years Sidney L. Gold has been a champion of the American workforce, a voice standing strong against racial discrimination and sexual harassment, and a powerful advocate for LGBT rights. He also advocates for workers with disabilities as well as older workers subjected to discrimination because of their age. Mr. Gold, principle shareholder of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey employment law firm of Sidney L. Gold & Associates, P.C., has always been a positive force standing up for equality and civil rights in the workplace.

Mr. Gold's practice focuses exclusively on all aspects of employment-related litigation, and he represents both employees and employers.

Working on the front lines of employment discrimination – long before employment discrimination was well-recognized – Mr. Gold has long been the go-to source for wisdom in this respected field. He has written extensively on issues of employment discrimination, given numerous presentations on employment law, and is recognized as one of the preeminent lawyers in his discipline, frequently appearing on news broadcasts offering insight on the latest topics of interest. Attorney Gold also has served as chair of the Labor and Employment Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

Moreover, Attorney Gold has won landmark victories on behalf of his clients, and has been honored with many awards and recognition for his work.



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Ms. Ezold works to protect employees from employment discrimination based on age, sex, race, religion, disability, pregnancy, national origin, ethnic background and LGBTQ status. She represents clients in litigating and negotiating employment contracts, discrimination claims, settlement agreements, non-compete agreements, Fair Labor Standards Act and Family Medical Leave Act matters, partnership and equity rights issues and many others.



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A lawyer for 33 years, Mary Jo practices in the areas of Estates and Trusts, Taxation, Orphans' Court and related Litigation, Business Planning, Real Estate and Elder Law.

When applicable, Mary Jo will use Irrevocable Grantor and Non-Grantor Trusts, Revocable Trusts, LLCs, Partnerships, S Corporations, Powers of Attorney, and Family and Business Owner Agreements to further your family's and/or business's planning goals. If necessary, Mary Jo will guide you through litigation in Orphans' Court, the Civil Division, and in Appellate Courts.

Mary Jo's approach to projects, plans and litigation emphasizes proactive, strategic, flexible, practical, and creative representation.

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell since 1997, she has been a partner in the law firm of Williams Coulson in Pittsburgh since 1995. She is a speaker and writer for continuing legal education events.

Her clients include individuals, executors, trustees, beneficiaries, family businesses and farms, partnerships, LLCs, corporations, municipal entities and nonprofit entities. Mary Jo strives to provide excellent and affordable representation and to accommodate the needs, budget and schedule of her clients. This is especially important in Orphans' Court, where the duration of litigation is often uncertain.

Estates and Trusts is one of the most technical yet personal areas in the legal arena. With Mary Jo as counsel, you and your project will receive timely and result-oriented attention and analysis.



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