

## Jeff Lefkowitz

### Senior Counsel

#### PRACTICE EMPHASIS:

Litigation; arbitration and mediation

#### EDUCATION:

J.D., *cum laude*, University of Texas School of Law, 1981

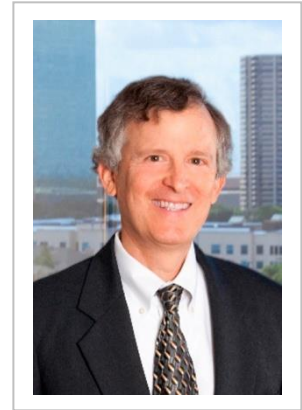
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B.B.A., *magna cum laude*, University of Texas at Austin, 1978

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#### ADMITTED:

State Bar of Texas



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#### Profile:

Jeff Lefkowitz has extensive experience with a wide range of business disputes, with emphasis in real estate, lease, construction and contract litigation. For a number of years, Jeff's practice included substantial transactional work, which gives him familiarity and experience with underlying documents not common to many litigators. Jeff is a member of the American Arbitration Association's National Panel of Commercial Arbitrators. He is also a mediator specializing in real estate and other business disputes.

#### Professional Recognition:

"Houston's Top Lawyers," *H Texas*, 2006

AV© Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating (5.0 out of 5), Martindale-Hubbell

#### Affiliations:

American Bar Association

Houston Bar Association, Appellate Practice and Construction Law Sections

American Arbitration Association, Arbitrator

#### Representative Experience:

- Successfully handled numerous lease disputes with issues ranging from surrender by operation of law, enforceability of renewal provisions, esoteric subtenancy issues, covenants to operate, use provisions, and a wide variety of other complex landlord-tenant issues to more mundane collection issues.
- Handled chemical plant construction litigation resulting in a multi-million-dollar settlement for the client-owner in one case and in a favorable settlement to a contractor-client in another large case.
- Successfully handled, through appeal, affirmance of substantial judgment against surety on performance bond claim.
- Successfully handled trial and appeals of several cases involving arbitrability related to structural settlements.
- Successfully handled, on appeal, the reversal of a judgment that had awarded damages and held unconstitutional certain of the client-city's ordinances. Defeated, at the trial court, an attack on the constitutionality of the client-city's enforcement practices.
- Successfully handled litigation against a major real estate developer-client involving claims of ownership of a multi-million-dollar real estate portfolio.
- Obtained injunctive relief in restrictive covenant, real estate, bailment and unfair competition cases.
- Represented officers and stockholders in a protracted shareholder dispute.