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Stephen E. Goldman is a nationally-recognized trial lawyer and the past Managing Partner of our firm. He has tried cases and prosecuted and defended appeals regarding a wide range of matters in federal and state courts throughout the United States. Steve has been actively involved in civil litigation in approximately 35 states and he has tried significant cases to verdict or judgment in many of those jurisdictions. He has also argued appeals in seven of the eleven federal circuit courts of appeal, in 11 different state appellate courts, and has represented clients in the Supreme Court of the United States. Steve is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and has served as the Chair of the Connecticut State Committee and as a member of the Civil Procedure Committee of that organization. He also is a Fellow in the American College of Coverage Counsel and serves as a co-chair of its Property Insurance Section. He has served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, and currently serves on the board of the FDCC Foundation.

Steve is currently involved as national counsel for insurers and trade organizations in responding to the proliferation of business interruption lawsuits arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic. He also is significantly involved in high-impact bankruptcy litigation throughout the United States, and in the defense of numerous class actions, especially those arising out of insurance coverage and market conduct issues. In prior years, Steve has served as lead national counsel and has handled numerous precedent-setting cases in matters arising from catastrophes such as Superstorm Sandy, Hurricanes Katrina and Andrew, the terrorist attacks of 9/11, and the anthrax scare in 2001.

Steve served as the firm's Managing Partner from 2016 to 2021. During his tenure, Robinson+Cole developed and implemented a three-year Strategic Plan, improved its profitability significantly, saw growth in key business sectors - including the addition of leading national practices in bankruptcy, insurance coverage and real estate development - and oversaw the expansion of our firm's offices in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Wilmington. He is former chair of our firm's lateral growth committee.

Services

- Appellate
- Insurance Appeals

Education

- New York University School of Law (Juris Doctor)
- Wesleyan University (Bachelors, *magna cum laude*)
 - B.A.
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

- Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- State of Connecticut
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

Recognitions

Presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the *Connecticut Law Tribune*, 2021

Selected by his peers for inclusion in [*The Best Lawyers in America*](#)® in the area of Insurance Law since 2006

Selected to the Connecticut [*Super Lawyers*](#) list from 2006 to 2024

Listed in [*The Best Lawyers in America*](#)® as Hartford Lawyer of the Year in the area of Insurance Law for 2011, 2016, and 2018

Selected to the Top 50 Connecticut [*Super Lawyers*](#) list in 2009

Hartford County Bar Association, Public Service Award, 2002

Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, John Alan Appleman Award, 2001

Best Appellate Brief in Connecticut, awarded by University of Connecticut, 1992

Leadership + Memberships

American College of Trial Lawyers

Fellow

Chair, Connecticut State Committee (2014 - 2016)

Member, Federal Civil Procedure Committee (2015 - present)

Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel

Foundation Board of Directors (2015 - present)

Admissions Committee (2001 - 2007)

Board of Directors (2002 - 2009)
Chair of Class Action Section
Chair of Ethics and Professionalism Section (2001 - 2002)
Chair of Property Insurance Section (1998 - 2001)
Executive Committee (2007 - 2009)
Vice President (2002 - 2005)

International Association of Defense Counsel

Property Insurance Committee

American Bar Association

Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section; Past Chair of Property Insurance Law Committee

American College of Coverage Counsel

Fellow

American Bar Foundation

Fellow

Connecticut Bar Foundation

James W. Cooper Fellow

Loss Executives Association

Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association

National Center for State Courts

Lawyers Committee

University of Connecticut School of Law LL.M. Program

Served as Adjunct Professor, teaching course in property insurance law

Western New England College

Served as Adjunct Professor, teaching course in trial practice

Greater Hartford Legal Aid

Board of Directors (1997 - 2002)

Greater Hartford Legal Aid Foundation

Board of Directors (2002 - present)

The Village for Families & Children

Board of Directors (2016 - present)