



- Professional liability claims, licensure and credentialing disputes, reimbursement disputes, insurance coverage and insurance fraud matters, hospital privilege disputes
- Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney; represents healthcare providers in disputes before judicial forums, state administration agencies, and hospital credentialing committees
- Highly knowledgeable in issues related to medical liability, professional regulations and licensure, biomedical ethics, and end-of-life concerns

John focuses his practice on civil litigation including trial and appellate advocacy, primarily in the healthcare area, as well as in healthcare regulatory and compliance matters. He has represented healthcare providers in the defense of professional liability claims, licensure and credentialing disputes, reimbursement disputes, insurance coverage and insurance fraud cases, *qui tam* actions under the Federal False Claims Act, and hospital privilege disputes including termination litigation. He has been responsible for matters involving medical staff privileges at the internal hearing level and in subsequent court litigation. He has additional experience as a hearing officer in hospital privilege disputes and in drafting medical staff bylaws. He has authoritative expertise in medical liability, biomedical ethics, and end-of-life issues.

Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney, John has litigated matters in judicial forums, trying numerous jury trials to verdict, and has appeared extensively before state administrative agencies

and hospital credentialing committees. He has assisted healthcare entities seeking to outsource the handling of physician investigations, and physicians facing investigative inquiries and disciplinary charges before the Board of Medical Examiners (BME). He handles the full range of BME proceedings, including responding to an initial inquiry and appearing at a preliminary evaluation, responding to Orders to Show Cause and temporary suspension applications, hearings in the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), addressing the BME on disposition and discipline issues, argument of appeals before the Appellate Division, and appearances before the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Areas of Focus

Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Healthcare Litigation
- Federal False Claims Act & Insurance Fraud
- Hospital & Physician Reimbursement
- Negligence, Malpractice & Ethics in Healthcare
- Regulatory Appeals
- Healthcare
- Healthcare Regulatory & Compliance
- Managed Care Contracting & Dispute Resolution
- Professional Negligence, Malpractice & Ethics
- Insurance Coverage
- Criminal Defense & Regulatory Compliance

Industries

- Healthcare

Credentials

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey, 1975
- New York, 2005
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, 1975
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, 2008
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia, 2015
- U.S. Supreme Court, 2007

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, 1987
- U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, 2016

Education

- Seton Hall Law School, J.D., 1975
- Tufts University, B.A., 1972

Experience

Representative Matters

- The firm's team represented a coalition of New Jersey hospitals in a \$300 million constitutional challenge to the State of New Jersey's charity care and Medicaid reimbursement regime, defending the hospitals' takings claims through summary judgment, Appellate Division review, and New Jersey Supreme Court proceedings, resulting in published decisions affirming dismissal of the claims. The hospitals filed a petition for certiorari with the Supreme Court of the United States, which was denied.
- Represented a New Jersey healthcare system and its Chair of Surgery in litigation brought by a trauma surgeon challenging a summary suspension of medical staff privileges. Following reinstatement through internal proceedings, the firm continued to defend the client in this \$2.4 million action, which settled before trial.
- Represented a New Jersey healthcare system in defense of fraud, breach of contract, age discrimination, and CEPA retaliation claims brought by three physicians and their surgical group seeking more than \$9 million.
- Representing two New Jersey health systems in high-stakes litigation against multiple Medicare Advantage plans seeking recovery of approximately \$5 million in underpaid 340B drug reimbursements, following a U.S. Supreme Court decision invalidating the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services' reimbursement reductions; matters are proceeding toward mediation and arbitration.
- Representation of a major healthcare system in litigation brought by a former physician alleging wrongful termination of privileges and antitrust and Lanham Act violations, resolving the matter through a favorable settlement.
- Represented a New Jersey healthcare system in defense of antitrust and tort claims brought by a pediatric surgeon following revocation of privileges, securing a negotiated resolution.
- Representing the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families and Department of Corrections in a series of high-exposure cases arising under extended statutes of limitations involving claims of alleged child sexual abuse. The potential aggregate exposure across these matters approaches \$1 billion, with certain cases expected to resolve through settlement or high/low agreements.

Affiliations

Memberships

- Trial Attorneys of New Jersey: former President (1999)

- New Jersey State Bar Association: Health Law Section; Civil Trial Bar Section
- Medical History Society of New Jersey: President (2026-2027)

Committees

- Penn Medicine Princeton Health: Biomedical Ethics Committee
- New Jersey Supreme Court District Ethics Committee for District VII (Mercer County), which is charged with investigating and prosecuting alleged violations of attorney ethics rules by members of the New Jersey Bar (2025-2029)
- New Jersey Supreme Court Board on Attorney Certification; Chair (2008-2011)
- New Jersey Supreme Court Civil Certification Committee: Chair (2008-2011); member (1997-2011)
- New Jersey Supreme Court Board on Continuing Legal Education (former member)

Other Activities

- Served on the Editorial Board of MDAdvisor, a peer-reviewed journal for the New Jersey medical community, from its inception in 2007 until the discontinuation of publication in 2023

Insights & More

Announcements

Greenbaum Attorney John Zen Jackson Installed as President of the Medical History Society of New Jersey
5.13.26

36 Greenbaum Attorneys Selected for Inclusion in 2026 Edition of New Jersey Super Lawyers
3.20.26

2026 Edition of Best Lawyers Recognizes 54 Attorneys in 41 Practice Areas: Eight Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List
8.21.25

Thirty-Five Attorneys from Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis Selected for Inclusion in 2025 Edition of New Jersey Super Lawyers
3.19.25

2025 Edition of Best Lawyers Recognizes 56 Attorneys in 39 Practice Areas: Ten Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Three Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition
8.14.24

John Zen Jackson Appointed Vice President of Medical History Society of New Jersey
5.09.24

Thirty-Four Attorneys from Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis Selected for Inclusion in 2024 Edition of New Jersey Super Lawyers
3.25.24

2024 Edition of Best Lawyers Recognizes 59 Attorneys in 38 Practice Areas: Twelve Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Five Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition

8.16.23

2023 Edition of Best Lawyers Recognizes 51 Attorneys in 36 Practice Areas: Nine Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Seven Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition

8.17.22

Client Alerts

New Jersey Supreme Court Ruling Clarifies Standards for Punitive Damages in Medical Malpractice Actions

8.30.22

New Jersey Authorizes Pharmacists to Conduct COVID-19 Testing

5.20.20

Governor Murphy Issues Executive Order 138 Further Extending New Jersey's Public Health Emergency

5.06.20

Requirements and Standards For Foreign Licensed Physicians To Obtain Temporary Licensure in New Jersey

4.20.20

Relaxation of Certificate of Need Requirements for Ventilator Beds And DOH Model Policy for Allocation of Ventilation Resources

4.17.20

Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Extending Public Health Emergency in New Jersey

4.08.20

With Executive Order 112, NJ Waives Regulatory Restrictions on Scope of Licensure for Healthcare Professionals and Provides Broad Immunity from Civil Liability

4.03.20

COVID-19 Healthcare Law Update: CMS Modification of EMTALA Requirements

4.02.20

Title III of the CARES Act: Supporting America's Health Care System in the Fight Against the Coronavirus

3.31.20

New Jersey Waives Restrictions on Licensure for Out-Of-State Health Practitioners

3.23.20

NJ Legislation Authorizes Use of Telemedicine; Provides for Coverage of Related Expenses

3.23.20

Healthcare Perspectives Blog

A Response to the Big Beautiful Bill: Seven Days in June

6.02.26

Enforcement of Litigant's Rights Under BME Order Upheld

2.12.26

Does a Witness' Deference to Different Specialty Concerning Diagnosis Constitute Concession of Lack of Qualifications to Provide Causation Opinion in Malpractice Claim?

12.11.25

New York Legislature Passes Medical Aid in Dying Bill Without a Residency Requirement

7.17.25

Foreseeability in Psychiatric Malpractice Claims

3.16.25

A New Standard of Care for Medical Liability?

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New Jersey Supreme Court Opinion Refines Affidavit of Merit Requirements for Malpractice Case Against Physician Certified in Multiple Specialties

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Hospital Policy for Universal Urine Drug Testing of Pregnant Women Comes Under Scrutiny for Alleged Violations of State Law Against Discrimination

10.09.24

Constitutional Challenge to New Jersey Residency Requirement in Medical Aid in Dying Act Rejected

9.24.24

Medical Aid in Dying and Medical Tourism in New Jersey

8.26.24

The Paradox of The Three Wise Monkeys: Discovery And Disclosure Of Information Regarding Dangerous Health Care Providers

7.16.24

A Giggle a Day?

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BME Denies License Reinstatement in First Application of Statute Directing Refusal of Licensure Because of Conviction for Sexual Offenses

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Published Articles

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Remembering the New Jersey- Born Physician Who Became the First Black Lawyer Admitted to Practice before the Supreme Court of the United States

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Sir William Osler and his Eccentric New Jersey Patient

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3.16.23

Utilization of the Medical Aid in Dying Act in New Jersey

Fall 2022

Physician Noncompetes May Get Federal Antitrust Treatment

9.19.22

Dedicated Volunteer Nurse and Devoted Wife During the Civil War

Spring 2022

Inpatient CPR, COVID-19, and the Duty to Treat: At the Intersection of Medical Ethics and Public Health Ethics with a Review of the Literature

Winter 2021

John S. Rock and Antebellum Voting Rights for Blacks in New Jersey

2.11.21

COVID-19: When Mandatory Isolation and Quarantine Become Necessary

3.24.20

Walt Whitman's Healing Presence

Winter 2020

Seminars & Events

The Karen Ann Quinlan Case: Its Legacy and New Jersey's Contributions to End-of-Life Jurisprudence Between 1975 and 2025

11.24.25

The Bioethical Principle of Justice and Inequities/Disparities in Connection with COVID-19 in New Jersey

5.11.21

A Range of Perspectives on Advising and Implementing Decisions Involved with Advance Directives and POLST

5.03.21

The Legal Foundation for Advance Directives and POLST in Light of Bioethical Principles

4.26.21

Bioethical Issues and End-of-Life Options in New Jersey in the Time of COVID-19

10.05.20

Walt Whitman's Healing Presence: A Poet's Civil War

8.25.20