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Joelle Polesky has nearly three decades of experience as a civil litigator, with a focus on corporate and commercial litigation. Joelle has appeared — and possesses extensive knowledge of practice and procedures — in all the major courts in Delaware. Although her general litigation practice is focused in Delaware — encompassing corporate, commercial, insurance (including representations and warranties insurance-related claims) and other disputes — Joelle's experience lends itself to a breadth of litigation-related responsibilities including handling civil litigation in other jurisdictions, advising a nonprofit religious entity on varied matters, and overseeing and managing teams of lawyers charged with complex electronic document productions.

Prior to joining Stradley Ronon, Joelle spent several years in public service. She acted as a deputy attorney general at the Delaware Department of Justice, Fraud and Consumer Protection Division, prosecuting civil and criminal fraud matters including litigation of a dispute over a multibillion-dollar trust impacting access to, and quality of, healthcare in Delaware; and litigation relating to a major ratings agency's representations regarding ratings accuracy in connection with the 2008 financial crisis. She also worked in the Delaware Supreme Court's Office of Disciplinary Counsel, investigating and prosecuting complaints of violations of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct.

Before working in public service, Joelle was a partner at a Wilmington litigation boutique, where she concentrated on corporate litigation, including advancement and books and records actions, shareholder and derivative matters, and fiduciary duty and alternative entity disputes.

Joelle is a current Adjunct Professor of Law at Widener University Delaware Law School, where she teaches a legal skills course offering legal, practical and professional guidance in the context of civil litigation. Joelle previously taught this litigation skills course for six years as a Lecturer in Law at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School.

Featured Representative Matters

- Defended and settled years-long litigation against a religious institution involving claims by multiple families of negligence arising out of alleged abuse by a daycare provider.

Services

- Government Enforcement, Investigations & Litigation
- Litigation
- Insurance & Reinsurance
- Religious, Educational & Nonprofit Organizations
- White Collar Criminal Defense
- Trial Practice

Education

- University of Pennsylvania Law School (J.D., *cum laude*)
- Georgetown University School of Foreign Service (B.S., *magna cum laude*)
- Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

- Delaware
- Pennsylvania
- Delaware Supreme Court
- Pennsylvania Supreme Court

- Advises a religious organization in connection with managing legal issues relating to members of the organization.
- Helped obtain a sweeping victory on behalf of the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority (PhilaPort) in a highly contested matter over the proposal of a new port on the Delaware River.
- U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Community Impact

Joelle has worked with several high school mock trial teams over the years and is currently a coach at the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. She is a past committee member of the Barrack Legal Counsel, which provides both guidance and support to students demonstrating an interest in the legal profession and networking and professional development opportunities for members of the legal community.

Memberships

- Member, Delaware State Bar Association

Languages

- French

Clerkships

- Clerkship to U.S. District Judge Roderick McKelvie of the District of Delaware.

Experience

Stradley Ronon Serves as Oversight Manager for Patent Capital Funding 2025-A

Stradley Ronon has been appointed oversight manager for the Patent Capital Funding 2025-A transaction. Patent Capital Funding (PCF) is a novel patent litigation finance platform, managed by Tenadio Corp. and Waterford Capital Inc., which marries elements of structured finance and more traditional litigation funding. PCF 2025-A involves \$60 million in financing for a portfolio for six patent infringement cases involving claims across a wide variety of technologies. As oversight manager, the Stradley Ronon team performs independent due diligence and provides ongoing case monitoring and transaction management services for the PCF program. Stradley Ronon has partnered with PCF since its inception and has served as oversight manager on all transactions completed to date.

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Stradley Ronon Team Secures High-Profile Win for PhilaPort in Port Construction Case

Stradley Ronon has obtained a sweeping victory on behalf of the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority (PhilaPort) in a highly contested matter over the proposal of a new port on the Delaware River.

In *Philadelphia Regional Port Authority v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*, PhilaPort alleged that Diamond State Port Corp.'s construction of a port in Edgemoor, Delaware, would divert shipping from Philadelphia to Delaware and that the permitting process led by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps) failed to meet the requirements

of the Administrative Procedure Act, among other claims.

In a published opinion on October 28 that adopted most all of the port authority's positions, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania vacated various underlying permits and authorization issued by the Army Corps. Significantly, the court noted that Diamond State never sought a statement of no opinion from PhilaPort, the first step in the permitting process.

The court ordered the Army Corps to reevaluate the project, effectively restarting the permitting process. This win for PhilaPort is the result of our team's vigorous representation and will have a significant impact on the long-term shipping business in the Philadelphia region.

Business Vantage Point

'Family Feud,' Delaware-Style: Unpacking the Lessons of Gurney-Goldman

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In the contract-centric world of limited liability companies (LLC), the Delaware Court of Chancery's decision last month in *Gurney-Goldman v. Goldman*, C.A. No. 2023-1124-JTL (Del. Ch. July 12, 2024), serves as a stark reminder of the perils of...