



## Jacob Chefitz

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Jacob Chefitz is an Associate in the Firm's Litigation department. From 2018 to 2019, Mr. Chefitz served as a Law Clerk to the Hon. Michael A. Chagares of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. From 2017 to 2018, he served as a Law Clerk to the Hon. Edward R. Korman of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

### **Representative Matters**

Represents major medical device company in a suit alleging breach of a merger agreement relating to a surgical robotics company.

Represents financial guaranty insurer in fraud, breach of contract, and breach of fiduciary duty actions concerning residential mortgage-backed securities.

Represents payments technology company in a false claims act case alleging failure to remit escheatable unclaimed property to the state.

Represents major pharmaceutical company in civil suit against healthcare providers defrauding company's charitable free-drug program and diverting company's medication.

Represents European bank in antitrust litigation concerning alleged manipulation of the foreign exchange market.

### ***Pro Bono***

Obtained reversal by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit of the dismissal of an incarcerated man's Eighth and Fourteenth Amendment claims arising out of his prolonged solitary confinement.

Briefed and argued appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit on behalf of noncitizen seeking reopening of his removal proceedings, and received a 2021 Pro Bono Publico Award from the Legal Aid Society in recognition of this *pro bono* work.

Filed *amicus* brief in "sanctuary city" litigation in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit on behalf of a group of law professors.

Filed *amicus* brief in the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of an interfaith group of religious organizations opposing the use of the state secrets privilege to defeat claims of religious minorities alleging unlawful government surveillance.

Filed *amicus* brief in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Seventh Circuits on behalf of an interfaith group of religious organizations supporting Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act appeals by Rastafarian men whose dreadlocks were forcibly removed while in prison.

### **Admissions**

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit; Third Circuit; Fifth Circuit; Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- New York

### **Publications**

- Co-author, "CFAA and the High Court's Fight Against Overcriminalization," *Law360* (June 6, 2021)
- *The Supreme Court, 2015 Term—Leading Cases—Campbell-Ewald v. Gomez*, 130 Harv. L. Rev. 427 (2016).
- Recent Case, *Prescott v. Oklahoma Capital Preservation Commission*, 373 P.3d 1032 (*Okla.* 2015), 129 Harv. L. Rev. 1803 (2016).

### **Education**

- Harvard Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 2017)
  - Notes Editor, *Harvard Law Review*
- University of Pennsylvania (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2013)
  - Phi Beta Kappa