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Benjamin Sheppard has a broad range of commercial litigation experience. As a member of the Firm's Financial Services Litigation Practice, he represents financial institutions and mortgage servicers in matters involving commercial and residential foreclosures, debt collection, lender liability, mortgage fraud/predatory lending, state and federal consumer protection statutes, and other alleged violations of law that lenders face.

Ben's litigation practice spans both state and federal courts, where he has represented clients through all stages of the litigation process — from pre-trial discovery through trial, post-trial motions, and appeals. He has drafted complex legal memoranda, argued dispositive motions, and managed trials from start to finish. Ben has briefed and argued cases before the Pennsylvania Superior Court and is skilled at managing complex discovery, including document production and expert testimony. His courtroom experience and dedication to legal research and writing make him a versatile litigator capable of handling high-stakes cases across multiple practice areas.

Ben's experience also includes handling a comprehensive range of liquor law matters, including distribution and contract production agreements, management agreements, and liquor license transfers. He has particular expertise with federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau licenses, as well as Pennsylvania and New Jersey liquor manufacturer licenses. Ben advises clients on compliance with state and federal regulations, helping businesses successfully navigate the complexities of the alcohol industry. Additionally, in the rapidly evolving cannabis law sector, Ben is recognized for his deep understanding of the intricate balance between state-specific and federal regulations governing both hemp and cannabis. His ability to navigate the nuances of Pennsylvania's industrial hemp research law makes him a valued advisor for individuals and businesses. Ben provides strategic counsel on drug testing policies and the legal intricacies of cannabis and hemp regulations. He advises clients in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey on their respective cannabis and hemp laws, offering clarity in this dynamic and multifaceted field.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Selected for inclusion in Pennsylvania Super Lawyers – *Rising Stars*, 2025 & 2026
- Recognized in Cannabis Law Report's Global Top 200 Cannabis Lawyers, 2024-2025

PRACTICE AREAS:

Financial Services Litigation

STATE ADMISSIONS:

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

Colorado

COURT ADMISSIONS:

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION:

J.D., The George Washington University Law School, 2021

B.A., *summa cum laude*, University of Pittsburgh, 2018

NEWS AND INSIGHTS

PUBLICATIONS

- "President Trump Signs Executive Order Directing Rescheduling of Cannabis Under the Federal Controlled Substances Act," Eckert Seamans Regulated Substances Blog, December 19, 2025.
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- "Missing the Mark: The Case for Removing Cannabis from the World Anti-Doping Agency's Prohibited List," *52 Cal. W. Int'l L.J. 587 (2022)*
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- "Carney v. Adams: Standing on Unaffiliated Voters' Rights," *Wash. L. Rev. On the Docket (March 13, 2021)*
- "Half-Baked: Remedying the Confusion Between State Medical Cannabis Protections and Federal Laws on Drug Testing for Federal Contractors," *43 U. Haw. L. Rev. 231 (2020)*
- "Going for the Green: Social Equity in the Recreational Cannabis Industry," *8 Lincoln Mem'l UL Rev. 280 (2020)*

MEDIA COVERAGE

- "Delta 8 caught in cloud of confusion," *Altoona Mirror*, September 11, 2023