



# ARI H. JAFFE

## Of Counsel

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Over his 20-plus years with KJK, Ari's legal work has spanned a broad range of litigation, arbitration and corporate matters for individuals, investment firms, banks, manufacturers, real estate developers, title companies and businesses ranging in size from start-ups to publicly-traded Fortune 100 companies. His substantive expertise is likewise diverse and includes securities, insurance, real estate, employment, ethics, professional liability and healthcare law.

Prior to joining KJK, Ari served as in-house counsel for a major health insurance company and then was associated with a small law firm, all along creating client relationships that have spanned decades. He has earned a reputation among his clients for being able to tackle even the most complex cases requiring multifaceted negotiations, trials and appeals.

Ari has served as Special Counsel to the State of Ohio and chairs the University Heights Board of Zoning Appeals.

Civic involvement and volunteerism have been an integral part of Ari's life since high school with much of his work benefiting Northeast Ohio's Jewish community. He has held leadership positions with the Jewish Federation of Cleveland, Mandel Jewish Community Center, Fuchs Mizrahi School, Green Road Synagogue, Cleveland Hillel Foundation and the Cleveland Jewish News.

### PRACTICE GROUPS

- Corporate & Securities
- Employment & Severance Negotiations
- Estate, Wealth & Succession Planning
- Health Care
- Litigation & Arbitration
- Real Estate & Environmental

### EDUCATION

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, J.D., 1986
- Brandeis University, B.A. 1983, with honors

### BAR/COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- Ohio Supreme Court
- District of Columbia, Court of Appeals
- Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. Tax Court

## **REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE**

- Guiding many long-term clients through company start-up, finance, growth, sale, acquisition and merger
- Representing major investment firm in defense of numerous customer and employment lawsuits and arbitrations
- Helping individuals and families successfully recover assets lost through investment fraud and Ponzi schemes through negotiation, arbitration, litigation, class actions and multi-district litigation
- Defending client in the sale of an investment advisory business faced with investigations by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the Ohio Department of Commerce
- Representing an online learning company in its sale to a major publisher
- Representing an employer in successfully recovering insurance premiums wrongly collected by a third-party administrator

## **PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS**

- Author of articles in the fields of securities, estate planning and health care law.
- Presenter of conferences in the fields of securities, real estate, estate planning, tax and health care law.
- Website developer of [www.barefootglass.com](http://www.barefootglass.com) and [www.donate1000.com](http://www.donate1000.com).
- Producer & Contributor of "Make Me a Sanctuary: Green Road Synagogue"

## **AWARDS**

- Selected to Ohio Super Lawyers 2005 – 2006, 2013 – 2023
- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent Attorney – Judicial Edition 2017 – 2022
- America's Most Honored Lawyers – Top 1% 2016 – 2022
- Jewish Federation of Cleveland, Yanowitz Leadership Award
- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated Attorney
- Martindale-Hubbell Top Rated Lawyers in Litigation
- America's Most Honored Professionals – Top 10% 2014 – 2015

## **CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

- American Friends of Ogen
  - President
- Brandeis University Alumni Association
  - Past Board Member
- Brandeis University Hillel
  - Board Member
- Chaverim of Cleveland
  - Board Member
- City of University Heights
  - Zoning Appeals, Board Member
- Cleveland Hillel Foundation
  - Past Board Member
- Cleveland Jewish News
  - Executive Committee Member
- Cuyahoga County Democratic Party
  - Executive Committee Member
- Fuchs Mizrahi School
  - Model UN Advisor
  - Past Board Member
- Green Road Synagogue
  - Board Member
  - Past President
- Jewish Education Center of Cleveland
  - Executive Committee
  - Past Member
- Jewish Federation of Cleveland
  - Volunteer
  - Past Board Member
- Jewish Learning Connection
  - Board Member
- John Carroll University
  - Past Community Liaison Panel Member
- Junior Achievement
  - Volunteer
- Legal Aid Society
  - Volunteer Lawyers Program, Member
- Mandel Jewish Community Center
  - Past Secretary
- Wexner Heritage Foundation
  - Seminar Graduate

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- American Bar Association
    - Member
  - American Bar Foundation
    - Life Fellow
  - Case Western Reserve School of Law, Law and Medicine Center
    - Charter Member
  - Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
    - Member
  - Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas
    - Arbitrator and Business Mediator
  - District of Columbia Bar Association
    - Member
  - Judicial Conference of the Eighth Judicial District
    - Life Member
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## **MEDIA MENTIONS**

- Brennan declares UH “Back on the Map,” Heights Observer
- University Heights residents urge COVID-19 vaccine in video, Cleveland Jewish News, April 18, 2021
- Ohioans express concerns for family members in West Bank, Spectrum News 1, May 23, 2021
- Finding right prescription to battle securities fraud, Cleveland Jewish News, Jan. 24, 2018