

APPEALS

Trial court judges are not infallible—that is why litigants are afforded one appeal as a matter of right. Whether to exercise that right is a judgment clients can make only after receiving an informed opinion. Our Appeals Practice Group attorneys provide appropriate guidance with a thorough knowledge of the appeals process, particularly in regard to how our client's case will be reviewed under the controlling standards that appeal tribunals apply to trial court decisions.

Once a client decides to appeal, success will depend upon skillful advocacy, including clear, convincing brief writing and the ability to advocate passionately for our clients' right before the appeals panel. In the federal and state appeals courts, our appellate lawyers have attained an enviable track record in defending favorable results obtained at the trial level, and in reversing decisions where the trial courts have committed legal errors, thereby denying our clients the full benefit of their legal rights.

As staunch representatives of our clients' interest, we will:

- File interlocutory appeals and stay applications
- Identify and assess the strength of appealable issues
- Determine applicable standards of review
- File notices of appeal where appeal is matter of right from final judgments, arbitration orders and state agency actions
- Petition for certification in state court when appeal to highest court is based on a question of public importance, a conflict exists among intermediate appellate courts or for special reasons
- Petition for a writ of certiorari where appeal is from federal circuit courts of appeals to United States Supreme Court
- Prepare appendices
- Draft appellate briefs and motions
- Prepare for oral argument and argue the merits before the appellate judges