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Maxx Johnson is an up-and-coming associate in the highly complex insurance and commercial litigation field. Maxx has strong experience handling general liability and health insurance matters.

Before joining Stradley Ronon, Maxx practiced at an Am Law 100 firm in New York City, where he handled insurance-related professional malpractice matters before federal, state and appellate courts. Maxx also worked at a global firm at its New York City headquarters for years. Maxx consistently obtained favorable results for his clients despite often dealing with difficult facts and circumstances. Maxx has settled multiple high-exposure matters, some with damages exceeding seven figures, with excellent results for his clients. Maxx has had additional success through motion practice, arbitration, mediation and trial.

Prior to entering private practice, Maxx was a judicial clerk for the Hon. J. Randall Corman in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Middlesex County. While clerking, Maxx managed an extensive civil caseload docket and drafted opinions and hundreds of bench memos. Maxx also assisted hundreds of Middlesex County tenants facing the eviction process. He earned a reputation for being a competent and effective mediator in Middlesex County Courthouse.

During law school, Maxx served as a board member for the Mock Trial team and as comments editor and associate editor of the *Seton Hall Circuit Review*, where his article on Chapter 11 Bankruptcy was published. Maxx was also the first-ever recipient of the Keefe Bartels Trial Advocacy Scholarship.

RESULTS

Maxx's experience includes:*

- Advocated for and won a "no-cause" arbitration award for a client regarding a premises liability matter where damages were calculated at more than \$500,000.
- Achieved a successful dismissal with prejudice of an alleged motor vehicle accident despite an initial default judgment against the client of more than \$150,000.
- Argued and obtained a dismissal with prejudice for a client on summary judgment after highly contested litigation concerning an insurance broker matter.

FOCUS

Insurance Coverage Advisory & Litigation
Complex Commercial & Class
Action Litigation
Litigation

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York
New Jersey

COURTS

U.S. District Court for the District of
New Jersey
U.S. District Court for the Southern
District of New York
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District
of New York
U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Second Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
U.S. Supreme Court

EDUCATION

J.D., Seton Hall University School
of Law
B.A., Rutgers University

MEMBERSHIPS

John C. Lifland American Inn of
Court – Barrister
American Bar Association
New Jersey State Bar Association
New York State Bar Association
New York City Bar Association
Middlesex County Bar Association



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- Obtained a settlement on behalf of an insurance broker client in a matter where the plaintiff alleged and substantiated more than \$5 million in damages.
- Obtained a pre-answer dismissal with prejudice on behalf of a client concerning a multimillion-dollar residential real estate insurance broker negligence matter.
- Secured a settlement on behalf of an insurance broker client in which damages were assessed at well over \$500,000 for a house fire.
- Drafted all motion papers and successfully argued and won summary judgment on behalf of an international bank where the plaintiff alleged serious injuries from a trip and fall.
- Facilitated a multi-party global settlement on behalf of an international banking client for a favorable figure after years of litigation and a \$1.5 million demand from the plaintiff over a complex premises liability dispute.
- Obtained a low-figure settlement on behalf of an international banking client after contested discovery concerning a complex multi-party premises liability matter.

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "The Not-So-Settled Absolute Priority Rule: The Continued Threat of Priority-Deviation Through Interim Distributions of Assets in Chapter 11 Bankruptcy," *Seton Hall Circuit Review*

*Includes representations prior to joining Stradley Ronon.

