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**Jeff Mokotoff has a broad employment law practice including drafting and litigating executive, arbitration and non-compete agreements, as well as litigating collective and class actions in state and federal courts.**

Before rejoining FordHarrison in 2017, after a 16-year career with the firm from 1996-2012, Jeff held the position of Chief Administrative Officer and Counsel for Turner Enterprises, Inc. (TEI), Ted Turner's private company that oversees all of Mr. Turner's business interests. In 2015, Jeff founded and developed Ted Turner Expeditions, a hospitality company that affords the public an opportunity to visit and explore over 1,000,000 acres of Mr. Turner's 2,000,000 + acres of land. While at TEI, Jeff also served as employment counsel for Ted's Montana Grill, a restaurant chain owned by Mr. Turner.

Jeff serves on FordHarrison's [Executive Committee](#) and is a member of the Management Group. He also serves as Co-Chair of FordHarrison's [Manufacturing Industry](#), and [Non-Compete, Trade Secrets and Business Litigation](#) practice groups, and established the firm's [Non-Compete News](#) newsletter. Jeff has extensive experience in representing clients concerning cases involving non-compete agreements, misappropriation of trade secrets, employment/business torts, and wage and hour litigation.

During law school, Jeff was the Executive Notes and Comments Editor of the *Emory International Law Review*.

### Representative Experience

- » Represented client in five-year multimillion dollar trade secret litigation where, after a two-week trial, the firm obtained a directed verdict in favor of the defendant on all damage claims.
- » Served as lead counsel in several multi-state wage/hour class and collective actions.
- » Served as lead counsel in defense verdict win at trial

### EDUCATION

- » Emory University School of Law (J.D., 1994)
- » Colgate University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1990)

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- » Massachusetts
- » Georgia

### COURT ADMISSIONS

- » U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- » U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- » U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- » U.S. Supreme Court
- » Supreme Court of Massachusetts
- » U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

### FIRM LEADERSHIP

- » Executive Committee
- » Management Group
- » Manufacturing Industry Group, Co-Chair

defending against race discrimination and retaliation lawsuit.

- » Served as lead co-counsel in a million-plus dollar verdict rendered against majority shareholder in shareholder dispute.

## Honors & Awards

- » AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- » *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Labor & Employment
- » *The Best Lawyers in America* - Employment Law - Management, and Litigation - Labor and Employment (2010 - 2026)
- » "Legal Elite" - Labor & Employment, *Georgia Trend Magazine* (2017-2021, 2024)
- » "Georgia Super Lawyers" *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2017-2025)
- » *The Legal 500 United States: Recommended attorney in Labor & Employment - Labor and Employment Disputes* (2020, 2021)

## Memberships

- » American Bar Association
- » State Bar of Georgia

## News & Insights

- » SourceBook - Co-Editor, FordHarrison's Labor & Employment Law Sourcebook, Employment Contracts and Noncompete Agreements
- » June 25, 2026 - "Hey Claude – Write Me a Lawsuit:" The Alarming Rise of Pro Se Plaintiffs Using AI Chatbots in Employment Law Claims
- » May 18, 2026 - Noncompete News Alert: "In Any Capacity" Language in Georgia Noncompetes: Appellate Court Conflict
- » July 22, 2025 - How the One Big Beautiful Bill Act May Impact Employers
- » March 28, 2025 - "In Any Capacity" Language Dooms Georgia Non-Compete Provision

## Events

- » April 30, 2024 - Understanding the FTC's Noncompete Final Rule: Practical Insights for Employers - Complimentary

#### Webinar

- » July 22, 2021 - New Developments in Georgia and Other States' Non-Compete Laws - Complimentary Webinar

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