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John K. Bennett is a principal in the Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, office of Jackson Lewis P.C. His entire practice is devoted to representing employers in all areas of labor and employment-related matters.

Practices

- Corporate Governance and Investigations
- Higher Education
- Hospitality
- Hotels
- Labor Relations
- Life Sciences
- Employment Litigation
- Trials and Appeals
- Workplace Training
- Manufacturing

Education

- New York University School of Law, LL.M. 1989
- Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D. 1980
- Lafayette College, B.A. 1977

Admitted to Practice

- U.S. Supreme Court 1991
- New Jersey - D. N.J. 1980
- New York - S.D. N.Y.
- New Jersey 1980

John regularly handles employment-related litigation in federal and state courts and administrative agencies, including substantial experience in jury trials. He also handles enforcing employment agreements to arbitrate claims, and arbitrations under those agreements, as well as arbitrations under collective bargaining agreements and many other aspects of labor relations and employment law for employers. John conducts high-level internal investigations for clients. He has also been recognized for managing nationwide employment and labor counsel relationships with certain clients.

John has been ranked by Chambers USA since 2010 as a leader in the Labor and Employment Law practice areas. Chambers USA 2018 states that John is "noted for his strength in handling both contentious and non-contentious matters in the labor and employment space ... smart with a lot of experience." Chambers USA 2017 states he "is hailed as a 'strong litigator' by his peers and is recognized for his trial experience." Chambers USA 2016 comments include "The 'awesome' John Bennett is described as a 'great attorney' who is 'hard-working and knowledgeable' in a broad range of employment litigation matters. He has great skill at trial..."

While attending law school, John was articles editor for the *Seton Hall Law Review*. From 1980-1981, he was law clerk to the late Hon. Robert L. Clifford, Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Honors and Recognitions

- *Business Today*, "Top 10 Influential Labor & Employment Lawyers in NJ" (2023)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, "Employment Law – Management" and "Litigation – Labor and Employment" (2011-present)
- *BTI Consulting Group*, "Client Service All-Stars" (2017)
- *Chambers USA*, "Labor & Employment" (2010-present)
- *The College of Labor & Employment Lawyers*, "Fellow" (2016-present)
- *Legal 500 USA*, "Recommended Attorney" (2020, 2024-present)
- *Martindale-Hubbell*®, "AV Preeminent® - Peer Rated for Highest Level of Professional Excellence" (1988-present)
- *New Jersey Super Lawyers*®, "Super Lawyers" (2005-2006, 2009-present)
- *Thomson Reuters*, "Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer – Independently Rated Lawyers"

Published Works

- *NJ Federal Practice and Procedure*. Chapter 26 (NJ: NJLJ Books, 2010) [Author]
- "Revisiting the Arbitration of Employment Disputes," *New Jersey Lawyer* (December

2008) [Author]

- "Developing and Enforcing Arguments to Arbitrate Employment Disputes," *Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* 10.8 (July 2002) [Author]
- "Developing Issues of Workplace Harassment Liability," *New Jersey Lawyer* (January 2002) [Author]