

## Jeremy Licht, Esq.

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### SUMMARY

**Entrepreneurial, problem-solving attorney capable of providing actionable advice on diverse issues to the highest levels of management. Adept at crafting legal, policy and advocacy strategies.**

### EXPERIENCE

**Pandemic Recovery Office, State of Rhode Island**, Providence, RI *April 2020 – present*  
*Director*

- Provide legal, policy, and compliance advice to Governor and her cabinet on use of over \$1.5 billion in federal coronavirus funding
- Lead the office responsible for compliance and reporting for federal COVID relief funding, developing and implementing processes and policies on fund usage and overseeing team of four
- Guide the design and implementation of grant programs providing more than \$350 million in funds to critical health care providers, impacted industries, laid off workers, and others
- Craft strategies to maximize efficient use of multiple federal funding streams

**Johnson & Wales University**, Providence, RI *July 2019 – March 2020*  
*Associate General Counsel*

- Provide legal and strategic advice to senior leadership of 12,000-student university on regulatory, litigation, commercial, intellectual property, real estate, and other matters

**Lovepop, Inc.**, Boston, MA *May 2018 – July 2019*  
*General Counsel*

- Developed legal strategy and direct all legal affairs of high growth, venture-backed greeting card company, serving on executive leadership team and counseling board of directors
- Advised business stakeholders on critical deals and compliance issues in areas including intellectual property and licensing, international supply chain, corporate financing and governance, commercial contracts, employment, real estate, advertising, privacy, and other areas

**Office of Governor Gina Raimondo, State of Rhode Island**, Providence, RI *Nov. 2016 – Nov. 2017*  
*Deputy Chief of Staff & Senior Counsel*

- Served as principal policy advisor to Governor for transportation and public safety and as Governor's chief liaison to transportation, transit, airport, public safety, and corrections agencies
- Framed and advised on policy and budget decisions for Governor and senior staff, managing policy development process and policy staff
- Advised Governor and senior staff on high profile litigation and complex legal issues
- Represented Governor in Superior Court in a case of first impression against the Attorney General

**Executive Office of Commerce, State of Rhode Island**, Providence, RI *May 2015 – Nov. 2016*  
*General Counsel*

- Directed legal and legislative affairs for the state's economic development agency, advising Secretary of Commerce and senior management of quasi-public corporation on economic development transactions, statutory and regulatory affairs, corporate governance, government ethics and transparency requirements, litigation, and employment matters
- Implemented 11 new economic development incentive programs that (to date) have directly supported more than \$800 million in real estate development and 1,500 new jobs by creating regulations, compliance processes, and operative transaction documents

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<b>EXPERIENCE</b> <i>continued</i>	<p><b>Shapiro Arato</b>, New York, NY <span style="float: right;"><i>Jan. 2012 – Apr. 2015</i></span> <i>Associate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Represented clients in high stakes litigation, including technology start-up in partnership dispute, investment firm in fraud case against foreign company, and individuals in criminal prosecutions</li> <li>• Argued dispositive and discovery motions, conducted several depositions, authored briefs on numerous issues, and managed contract attorneys in extensive document reviews</li> </ul> <p><b>U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York</b>, New York, NY <span style="float: right;"><i>Oct. 2010 – Nov. 2011</i></span> <i>Law Clerk to the Honorable Sidney H. Stein</i></p> <p><b>U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit</b>, Washington, DC <span style="float: right;"><i>Aug. 2009 – Aug. 2010</i></span> <i>Law Clerk to the Honorable Thomas B. Griffith</i></p> <p><b>J.F.K. School of Government, Harvard University</b>, Cambridge, MA <span style="float: right;"><i>Aug. 2004 – Aug. 2006</i></span> <i>Research Assistant to Professor David Gergen</i></p>
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<p><b>Yale Law School</b>, J.D., May 2009 Honors: William K.S. Wang Prize (best performance in introductory corporate law) Activities: Notes Editor, <i>Yale Law Journal</i>; Student Director, Supreme Court Advocacy Clinic</p> <p><b>Yale University</b>, B.A. in Mathematics, May 2004 Honors: magna cum laude, with distinction in major Activities: Managing Editor, <i>Yale Daily News</i>; Play-by-play announcer, Yale Sports Radio</p>
<b>ADMITTED</b>	New York, Rhode Island, Massachusetts
<b>PERSONAL</b>	Chairman of the Rhode Island Distributed Generation Board, runner, cook

### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

***Coronavirus Relief Fund Compliance and Reporting Program.*** As Director of the Rhode Island Pandemic Recovery Office, responsible for creating the compliance and reporting programs for the state's use of \$1.25 billion in federal funding. Developed and managed centralized processes for reviewing and approving proposed uses of funds and for satisfying federal reporting requirements. Managed the work of a team of four, drafted and implemented multiple policies to ensure the compliant and transparent use of funds, conducted multiple compliance trainings for state agency personnel, advised and briefed the Governor and other senior leaders on key compliance issues and risks, represented the state in conversations with the U.S. Treasury Office of Inspector General, and testified at state legislative hearings on the use of funds.

***Lovepop IP Portfolio.*** Responsible for defining, implementing and continuously refining strategy for maximizing value from extensive trademark, copyright, and patent portfolio. Created processes for identifying potentially valuable IP assets, filing for IP protection, and effectively enforcing IP rights. Managed outside counsel in major copyright litigation to successful jury verdict that awarded company \$500,000 in damages.

***Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit.*** Created the regulatory and transactional architecture for new real estate development tax credit program, which has since provided tens of millions of dollars in real estate financing. Designed the regulations, applications, and compliance processes necessary to enable the flow of capital. Coordinated the inputs of real estate, finance, and tax professionals, tax equity investors, and bridge lenders into final regulations and model transaction documents. Collaborated with internal finance team to design structure for economic development agency to earn returns from the new real estate developments.

## **Jeremy Licht, Esq.**

**38 Studios Litigation.** Counseled Governor and cabinet secretary on all aspects of complex settlement process that resulted in a \$60 million recovery in high-profile litigation matter. Managed outside counsel's execution of settlement strategy. Oversaw favorable resolution of a related Securities and Exchange Commission enforcement action against a state agency that permitted agency to retain exemption from securities registration requirements.

**Presidential Debate System Administrative Proceedings.** Devised strategy for multi-pronged challenge to the Federal Election Commission's regulation of the presidential debate system. Directed the development of expert analyses from public opinion scientists and political scientists that demonstrated that the FEC had failed to police discrimination against third parties. Discovered additional documentary evidence to support this claim. Drafted a petition for rulemaking that won the support of two members of the FEC and drafted an administrative complaint that laid the groundwork for a successful suit against the FEC in federal court. Achieved the client's objective of drawing media attention to the issue.