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OVERVIEW

Joe comes up with practical solutions to resolve disputes, but he has the litigation experience to handle a case all the way to trial when necessary.

Joe listens carefully to clients' objectives, then evaluates their matters and works to resolve cases as quickly and simply as possible. When litigation is necessary, Joe is a seasoned courtroom advocate. He has more than 30 years of experience with jury and bench trials and has obtained defense verdicts in courtrooms nationwide.

Joe guides manufacturing clients in all aspects of product safety, including investigations, product warnings and recalls, warranties and instructions, product testing and product warning analysis. He counsels employers on discrimination issues involving age, gender, race and disability discrimination; sexual harassment; hostile environment; non-compete agreements; non-solicitation matters; and temporary restraining order (TRO) litigation in federal and state courts.

"Joe pays attention to client needs, is extremely responsive, practical, and has specialized knowledge that provides creative solutions and helps us be successful."

— Andy Navarro, Sompo of America Insurance

Industry

Manufacturing

Services

Asbestos Litigation
Emerging Companies & Venture Capital
Healthcare Litigation
Labor & Employment
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
Product Liability
Product Safety
Professional Liability Litigation
Toxic Tort

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He also advises clients on complex business litigation, contract disputes, commercial litigation, fraud claims and nursing home defense. In addition, Joe collaborates with start-up companies using his manufacturing experience to help them plan, and avoid trouble.

Experience

PRODUCT LIABILITY

- Advised major manufacturer on issuance of warning notice involving consumer product, more than 5 million of which were manufactured.
- Obtained defense verdict for global electronics and engineering company Siemens AG after two-week jury trial in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, Circuit Court. Plaintiff alleged traumatic brain injury and sought $21 million in damages. Jury found no negligence by client and found plaintiff 100 percent at fault.

LABOR & EMPLOYMENT

- Obtained defense verdict for BJC Medical Group, an affiliate of BJC HealthCare, which was sued by plaintiff who alleged she was terminated because she was disabled and/or employer perceived her as disabled.

TOXIC TORT

- Attained defense jury verdict for Olin Corp. in negligence liability action involving alleged toxic exposure that resulted in second-degree burns and alleged permanent respiratory problems.

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America®*
  - Commercial Litigation, 2025-2027
  - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2024-2027
  - Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants, 2027
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent

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Education

- J.D., Saint Louis University School of Law
  - *cum laude*
  - Order of the Woolsack
  - *Saint Louis University Law Journal*, Editor
- M.Ed., University of Missouri-Saint Louis
  - Counseling
- B.S., University of Missouri-Saint Louis
  - Education
  - with honors

Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Arkansas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

Community Leadership

- Ronald McDonald House Charities of St. Louis, Golf Tournament Committee, 2003-present

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