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OVERVIEW

Josh fights for clients in complex commercial litigation matters in state and federal courts. He practices from Jacksonville, Florida through our Link virtual office.

Josh divides his practice between general commercial cases and construction litigation. His commercial work primarily centers on the financial industry, where he represents financial institutions, banks, and nonbank lenders, while the construction side of his practice focuses on residential construction defect matters. Josh regularly represents homebuilders—many of which develop properties nationwide—in cases against homeowners, construction companies, contractors, and subcontractors. Known for his approachable manner, Josh excels at the negotiations necessary to secure the best agreement possible for the client.

Growing up with a father who worked as an attorney, Josh has long been drawn to litigation. With time, he came to realize that the work was an excellent fit for his own skillset: Josh loves solving complex problems and disputes, which in turn lead to the best possible outcomes for his clients. After beginning his career representing clients in business disputes at prior firms, he joined Husch Blackwell in 2025. Josh was drawn to the firm's cultural values, client focus, and emphasis on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Clients see Josh as a trusted advisor and an attorney they actually look forward to calling: with a reputation for his dedicated advocacy, Josh is always willing to go the extra mile for his clients.

Industry

Financial Services & Capital Markets

Services

Commercial Litigation

Construction Litigation

Financial Services Litigation

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

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Experience

- Defended national homebuilders in various construction defect litigation matters.
- Defended national automobile insurer in various lawsuits throughout the state of Florida relating to uninsured motorist and negligence claims.
- Defended hospital and nursing staff in medical malpractice claims.
- Represented clients in commercial litigation in state and federal court, including disputes involving breach of contract, breach of restrictive covenant, construction defect, and employment-related claims.
- Represented national credit union in various banking, collections, and foreclosure matters.

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*
    - Commercial Litigation, 2026 and 2027
    - Insurance Law, 2024-2027
    - Litigation - Construction, 2026 and 2027
    - Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants, 2026 and 2027
    - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, 2026 and 2027
    - Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs, 2024-2027
- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, Honors, 2025
- Florida Trend's Legal Elite: Up & Comer, 2022

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Education

- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center
  - *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics*, Executive and Submissions Editor
- B.A., University of Florida
  - *summa cum laude*

Admissions

- Florida
- District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

Community Leadership

Josh is active in the Jacksonville community. He is a member of the Service and Giving Committee of NextUp JAX, a Jacksonville Chamber organization for emerging business and community leaders. He is also a pro bono volunteer with Jacksonville Area Legal Aid.

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2025 Pro Bono Achiever

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