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Joe is a first-chair trial attorney who resolves his clients' most difficult and complex disputes, ranging from $1 million to more than $5 billion in contract value.

OVERVIEW

Joe has dedicated his practice exclusively to the construction and manufacturing industries for 20 years. He represents owners, EPC contractors, construction managers, general contractors, and subcontractors in disputes on a wide array of construction projects, including power plants, mass transit systems, highways, high-voltage electric transmission lines, pipelines, and heavy industrial and commercial construction projects. Joe has represented some of the largest project owners and contractors throughout the U.S. In addition to representing domestic clients, Joe frequently represents businesses entering the U.S. market from other countries.

Clients call on Joe to help resolve their most difficult and complex disputes, benefiting from his dedication and experience. He has handled disputes in federal and state court, Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals, the Federal Court of Claims, the Commonwealth Board of Claims, and in domestic and international arbitration. In addition to litigation, he advises clients throughout the life cycle of a construction project to avoid disputes and maximize recoveries.

Joe is the managing partner of the firm's Philadelphia office. He currently serves on the Steering Committee for the Litigation Section of the ABA Forum on Construction Law and Large Firm Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association. He frequently lectures and writes on construction-related topics, including handling discovery of electronically stored information in litigation, termination of construction contracts, delay and disruption claims, liability of design professionals, and mechanics' liens.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represents train manufacturer in a $1.5 billion project to manufacture a high-speed train set for the Northeast Corridor of the U.S.
- Represents a signal supplier against a transportation system integrator in NJ Federal Court. The project involves the implementation of Positive Train Control Systems on railways. The client is seeking more than $48 million in damages associated with unpaid change order requests and invoices, along with prompt payment penalties.
- Represents a design-build contractor in a dispute with the U.S. Department of Navy concerning the

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implementation of energy conservation measures at a Marine Corp base in Georgia.

- Represented an EPC contractor in arbitration involving more than $250 million in claims related to the design and construction of a light rail project in Canada.
- Represented an EPC contractor on a nationwide billion-dollar upgrade of a fiber-optic wireless network.
- Represented a design-build contractor in a dispute with the federal government concerning the implementation of energy conservation measures at a federal prison in Florida.
- Represented a general contractor whose contract was terminated for convenience on a high voltage overhead transmission line upgrade project.
- Represented an electric vehicle and powertrain manufacturer in a dispute with a public owner in Northern California associated with the manufacturing of electric powered buses.
- Represents project owner on a breach of contract action out of the design and construction of a combined cycle power plant in Massachusetts.
- Representing an electric vehicle and powertrain manufacturer in a dispute with a public transportation authority in Philadelphia associated with the manufacturing of a fleet of electric buses.
- Representing a leading EV technology supplier in connection with contract concerning claims regarding the implementation and programming of a state-of-the-art manufacturing line for EV batteries.
- Serves as counsel for an EPC contractor in a dispute with an internet provider on a multibillion-dollar build-out of a new fiber-optic wireless network.
- Represented an EPC contractor in connection with a 1240 MW coal-fired power plant.
- Served as lead counsel for the project owner stemming from the supply of oil for an oil-fired power plant in Kingston, Jamaica.
- Represented a project owner in connection with the construction of a natural gas pipeline in Mexico.
- Represented a public development corporation stemming from a utility services contract with the U.S. Navy.

AWARDS

- *Chambers USA*: Construction, Pennsylvania (2020-2026)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®: “Lawyer of the Year” in Construction Law (2025)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®: Construction Law (2019-2027), Litigation – Construction (2026-2027)
- *Legal 500 United States*: Real Estate: Construction (including construction litigation) (2025)
- Named an ‘Up and Coming’ Lawyer in *Chambers USA* (2020)
- Named a ‘Recognised Practitioner’ in *Chambers USA* (2015)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Construction
- Construction Litigation
- International Construction Projects

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Construction
- Construction Litigation
- Energy Construction
- International
- International Arbitration

- International Construction Projects
- Litigation + Trial

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Co-chair, Large Firm Management Committee for the Philadelphia Bar Association

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2004, managing editor, *Villanova Law Review*; Order of the Coif
- Dickinson College, B.A., *cum laude*, 2001, history

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Program co-chair, ABA Forum on Construction Law, 2024 Annual Meeting, The Art and Science of Construction Litigation.
- Speaker, "International Arbitration Considerations: What Parties and Corporate Counsel Should Know About International Arbitration," The Art of International Arbitration CLE: Practical Advice in International Arbitration, November 2, 2023.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Quoted, "Troutman Pepper Appoints Six New Office Managing Partners," *The Legal Intelligencer*, January 2, 2024.