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Joe concentrates his practice on a broad range of insurance coverage issues. He is experienced in litigating cases from pleadings through summary judgment and trial. He has drafted numerous successful summary judgment and Rule 12(b) motions, as well as a successful appellate briefing and an opposition brief resulting in dismissal in the client's favor.

Prior to joining the firm, Joe was an associate with a boutique litigation defense firm based in Denver, Colorado. There, he litigated civil cases on behalf of Fortune 500 companies and individuals in matters involving premises liability, negligence claims, wrongful death, administrative housing discrimination, first- and third-party insurance claims, and insurance bad faith.

Before moving to Colorado, Joe gained significant trial experience working at the Illinois Attorney General's Office on civil rights litigation brought against employees and entities of the State of Illinois. Joe has tried federal civil rights cases to verdict in both the Central and Southern Districts of Illinois.

Joe earned two bachelor's degrees from Southern Illinois University and was a member and team captain of its Division 1 collegiate football program. He earned his law degree from Southern Illinois University School of Law. In his free time, Joe enjoys skiing, camping, mountain biking, and hiking with his dog, Rosie.

Experience

Secured a favorable verdict for a golf club and hotel after a four-day jury trial in which the plaintiff, an LPGA professional whose membership was terminated after repeatedly violating club rules, sought \$6.8 million in damages for various business torts, breach of contract, and defamation. The trial proceeded only on the defamation claim after we obtained a partial directed verdict that disposed of the other causes of action. The jury awarded the plaintiff far less than a prior offer of judgment and after paying the defendants' costs, she was left with a four-figure award.

Practice Areas

- Insurance Coverage
- Bad Faith
- Strategic Risk & Complex Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Privacy Litigation – Emerging Trends

Industry Sectors

- Hospitality
- Insurance

Education

- Southern Illinois University School of Law, J.D., 2016
- Southern Illinois University, B.A., 2013

Bar Admissions

- Colorado
- Illinois

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- Colorado
- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of Illinois

Affiliations

Colorado Defense Lawyers Association

The Defense Research Institute

Faculty of Federal Advocates

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