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Joe has more than a decade of experience focused on commercial litigation, including defending clients in mass tort, consumer financial, wrongful death, and personal injury cases in state and federal courts, including Ohio. He has defended banks, creditors, debt collectors, and others in hundreds of cases brought under state and federal consumer protection statutes, such as the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA). His experience also includes defending major manufacturers in two of the largest product liability MDLs in history. He has also represented regional, national, and global clients in a variety of high-stakes cases, including litigation involving civil RICO claims, trade secret misappropriation, unfair competition, tortious interference, breach of contract, and breach of restrictive covenants. Joe also has substantial appellate experience, having briefed or argued several cases on behalf of clients in state and federal appellate courts.

Services

- Litigation

Education

- Columbia Law School (J.D., 2011)
 - Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
 - Harlan Fiske Stone Moot Court Competition, semi-finalist (2011)
 - Columbia Business Law Review, online content editor
- Ohio University (*cum laude*, 2006)
 - B.S., Journalism, Honors Tutorial College
 - B.A., Political Science

Bar Admissions

- Ohio
- West Virginia
- Florida

- Kentucky

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York