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Profile

Joseph is co-chair of the firm's Mergers and Acquisitions practice. His practice is concentrated in mergers and acquisitions, securities, corporate finance and corporate governance. He represents clients engaged in businesses ranging from aerospace and real estate development to insurance and financial services.

The corporate and securities law issues on which Joseph provides counsel include public securities offerings, private placements, public and private mergers and acquisitions, takeover defenses, proxy contests, executive compensation and shareholder matters. A significant portion of Joseph's practice is dedicated to insurance regulatory work. He has represented insurance clients in complex transactions, including restructurings, financing transactions, recapitalizations and merger and acquisition transactions.

Joseph has substantial experience in providing advice and guidance to corporate boards and board committees on corporate governance matters, including board and committee structure, duties and best practices, disclosure practices and compliance with legal requirements. He also works with corporate clients to manage their day-to-day corporate and securities law compliance needs, including developing compliance programs and the preparation and filing of periodic reports with the SEC. Joseph's practice also involves representing real estate investment trusts (REITs) in securities offerings and merger and acquisition transactions.

Honors & Affiliations

- Listed in:
 - *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Corporate Compliance Law; Corporate Law; Securities / Capital Markets Law, 2010-2025 (listed for 15 years)
 - *New York Super Lawyers*®, Securities & Corporate Finance, 2022 (listed for more than 10 years)
 - *Buffalo Business First*, Legal Elite of Western New York, 2016
 - *Business First of Buffalo*, Who's Who in Law
- New York State Bar Association
- American Bar Association, Business Law Section Committee of Federal Regulation of Securities and Committee of Negotiated Acquisitions; Committee on Mergers and Acquisitions

Education

- Northwestern University School of Law (J.D. 1982)
- University of Rochester (B.A., *cum laude with high distinction*, 1979)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York

Practices

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Business and Transactions

- Northwestern University Charter Member, Buffalo Area Alumni

Representative Publications

- Quoted in "Merger litigation tax 'racket' challenged," *Buffalo Law Journal*, March 20, 2017
- Quoted in "Bond's cyber practice meets demand," *Buffalo Law Journal*, January 23, 2017
- Quoted in "Rep and Warranties insurance more common in M&As," *Buffalo Law Journal*, December 5, 2016
- Quoted in "M&A lawyers busy with robust market," *Buffalo Law Journal*, July 25, 2016

Other Activities

- Hilbert College, Board Member, 2012 - Present
- National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts
- New York Insurance Association