

PRACTICES

Bankruptcy and Restructuring
Finance
Trust and Estate Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Financial Institutions

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota School of Law, J.D., 2004
cum laude
Dean’s list
Royal Stone Academic Merit Scholarship

Brigham Young University, B.A., 2001
4-year Conoco Academic Merit Scholarship

BAR ADMISSIONS

Nevada

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Nevada creditors, financial institutions, and high-net-worth individuals turn to Joe for experienced counsel in high-stakes commercial, bankruptcy, and trust disputes.

Joe is a trial and appellate lawyer whose practice spans complex commercial and bankruptcy disputes, and trust and estate litigation in Nevada's state, federal, and bankruptcy courts. Equally at home in the courtroom and at the negotiating table, clients value Joe’s reliability, constant communication, and ability to translate complex legal exposure into practical, outcome-focused strategy.

Bankruptcy & Receiverships: Joe represents creditors, financial institutions, and corporate clients in complex commercial and bankruptcy litigation involving distressed assets, foreclosure disputes, and secured transactions. He guides clients through contested matters where protecting their position requires both aggressive advocacy and strategic judgment. National counsel frequently rely on Joe's knowledge of Nevada law and local practice to anchor creditor-side matters across industries.

Trust & Estates Litigation Practice: In his trusts and estates litigation practice, Joe represents trustees, beneficiaries, personal representatives, and other fiduciaries. He handles disputes involving contested trust administration, accounting disputes, breach of fiduciary duty claims, petitions for instructions, and disputes over beneficiary rights and fiduciary authority. Whether defending a trustee's administration of a multimillion-dollar trust or advocating for beneficiaries challenging a breach of fiduciary duty, he brings the same meticulous preparation and clear-eyed counsel that define his commercial practice.

EXPERIENCE

Commercial Litigation

- Jury trials
- Bench trials
- Arbitrations
- Mediations
- Administrative proceedings
- Probate court
- Business tort actions

- Secured transactions
- Uniform Commercial Code enforcement
- Landlord-Tenant evictions
- Judgment enforcement and collection
- Fair Credit Reporting Act claims
- Appeals

Real Estate

- Disputed claims
- Contract disputes
- Mechanic’s lien claims
- Foreclosures
- Escrow litigation

Bankruptcy and Creditors’ Rights Litigation

- Collateral valuation evidentiary hearings
- Contested disclosure statement approval hearings
- Plan confirmation battles
- Automatic stay relief
- Negotiation of plan treatment
- Adversary proceedings
- Substantive consolidation proceedings

Complex Trust and Estate Disputes

- Undue influence
- Breach of fiduciary duty
- Tortious interference
- Beneficiary disputes
- Fraud
- Determinations of beneficiary interests
- Will and trust construction and reformation proceedings
- Will and trust contests
- Intra-family disputes
- Creditors' claims
- Beneficiary-trustee disputes
- Acquisition of the decedent's assets
- Fiduciary removal and surcharge proceedings
- Contested accounting proceedings

CLIENT RESULTS

Obtained a multi-million dollar judgment in favor of a regional lender against borrowers involving allegations of lender misconduct.

Successfully enforced secured lender's rights in LLC membership interests.

Defeated plan confirmation proposing adverse treatment for lender's claim.

Navigated complicated lien rights in airplanes and airplane hangars on behalf of secured lenders.

Satisfied a multi-million dollar judgment through contested collection actions.

Obtained judgment against debtors in non-dischargeability actions.

Counsel to lenders for claims alleging Fair Credit Reporting Act violations.

RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation, 2021-2027
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Business Litigation, 2023-2026
- Mountain States Super Lawyers® Rising Star, 2009
- *Nevada Business Magazine*, Nevada Legal Elite/Top Rank Attorneys, 2015-2016, 2019-2021, 2026

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of Nevada, Member
- Clark County Bar Association, Member
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Member
- Fee Dispute Arbitration Committee, State Bar of Nevada, Member
- Litigation Section, State Bar of Nevada, Member
- Children’s Attorney Project, Las Vegas, NV, Volunteer Attorney
- Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, February 2009–present
- Eagle Scout