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Joe focuses his legal practice on representing contractors, engineers, architects, and real estate developers in all phases of construction, including contract negotiation, ongoing construction advisory, and dispute resolution. He has litigated and arbitrated disputes involving contract defaults, design and construction defects, project delays, mechanic's liens, and bond claims. His deep experience in the construction industry enables him to guide clients through complex legal challenges with clarity and strategic foresight.

Joe approaches each matter not only as a litigator but also as a trusted advisor. He helps clients assess the risks and rewards of every dispute, offering practical guidance and creative solutions that support their long-term success.

Prior to joining UB Greensfelder, Joe practiced at a full-service firm in St. Louis, where he represented small and mid-sized businesses, individuals, and entrepreneurs in a variety of construction and commercial disputes, including business torts and employment disputes.

Outside his law practice, Joe enjoys spending time with his wife and four children. He is an avid Blues and Cardinals fan and enjoys cooking, fishing, and attending his kids' youth sporting events.

Education

- Tulane University (B.A., 2006)
- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., 2009)

Bar Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Practices & Industries

- Construction
- Construction Litigation
- Construction Industry
- Complex Business Litigation

Professional Affiliations

- Missouri Bar Association (Vice Chair, Construction Law Committee)
- Federal Bar Association, St. Louis Chapter (Board Member)
- Associated General Contractors of Missouri (Member)
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (Member)
- Lawyers Association of St. Louis (Member)

Community Involvement

- Marygrove (Board Member, 2024 – Present)
- Heart House (Board Member, 2023 – Present)
- Good Shepherd Children and Family Services (Board Member, 2014 – 2024, President, 2022 – 2024)
- St. Louis University High School Alumni Board (Member, 2018 – Present)
- St. Louis Rockets Youth Hockey Coach (2024 – Present)

Experience

- Mechanic's Liens: Recovered millions of dollars for clients through mechanic's lien and payment bond claims across multiple jurisdictions in the United States.
- Construction Defect Claims: Successfully defended contractors in defense of claims of defective work and violation of standard of care.
- Design Professional Liability: Represented engineering and architectural firms in disputes involving claims of design errors and omissions brought by project owners.
- Construction Transactions: Negotiated complex construction contracts on behalf of contractors, engineers, and architects, ensuring protection of client interests in high-stakes projects.
- Business Torts & Employment Litigation: Obtained multiple dismissals and summary judgments for employees facing claims from former employers, including breach of fiduciary duty, restrictive covenant violations, and trade secret misappropriation.