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Joseph is an aggressive advocate for clients involved in high-stakes business, construction and white-collar criminal litigation disputes.

A former federal prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice's Miami Organized Crime Strike Force who has four decades of experience leading trial teams, Joe is well-known for his tenacity and no-holds-barred approach to major litigation before state and federal courts.

Joe has secured key trial victories while representing clients from wide-ranging sectors, including banking and financial services, large-scale corporate construction, international business, government entities and public school systems. He has also defended individuals under investigation and subject to criminal and regulatory charges by the U.S. Department of Justice and state and federal regulators. Read more about Joseph's [litigation successes](#).

Certification by the Florida Bar as a Business Litigation Specialist, Joe has successfully handled many "bet the company" cases. His experience extends to:

- federal and civil RICO claims
- embezzlement and bribery
- accounting and legal malpractice
- corporate governance
- breach of fiduciary duty
- money laundering
- fraud
- grand theft
- tax evasion
- construction delays
- surety and insurance

Services

- Litigation
- Directors' & Officers' Liability & Corporate Governance
- White-Collar Criminal Defense & Regulatory Compliance
- Construction

- Franchising & Distribution
- Intellectual Property
- Latin America
- Law Firms & Attorneys
- Retail Industry
- Securities Industry

Honors & Awards

- Litigation Counsel of America, Senior Fellow
- Recognized in the *Chambers USA* Guide for Litigation: General Commercial in Florida (2022, 2023)
- Selected to the "Best Lawyers in America" list for Commercial Litigation (2008-2024), Criminal Defense: White-Collar (2009-2024) and Litigation - Construction (2011-2024) in Miami, FL by *Best Lawyers*
- Selected, Florida Trend's Florida Legal Elite (2017-present)
- Named a "Top Lawyer" by *South Florida Legal Guide* (2015-present)
- Rated AV Preeminent™ in Judicial Edition of Martindale-Hubbell® (2018-present)

Before Fox Rothschild

Prior to joining Fox, Joseph was a longtime partner at the Miami law firm of Tew Cardenas LLP. He was also a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, Miami Organized Crime Strike Force. While in law school, he served as the managing editor of the *Buffalo Law Review*.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Joseph has served since 1994 as an adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law, teaching "Trial Skills" and "Business Litigation Skills." He is also a frequent author and lecturer on construction litigation, mediation and white-collar criminal topics for the National Business Institute and has appeared as a legal commentator on white-collar criminal issues for CNN, CNBC and national and local radio outlets.

Bar Admissions

- Florida
- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Western District of New York

Education

- State University of New York at Buffalo Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1982)
- St. Bonaventure University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1979)

Memberships

- American Bar Association
 - Litigation Section, Leadership
 - Member, Regional CLE Programs Committee, 2021-present
 - Member, Roundtables Committee, 2020–2021
- The Florida Bar

- Business Litigation Certification Committee, 2006-2012; Chair, 2009-2011
- Federal Practice Committee, 2012-2018
- Legal Malpractice Certification Subcommittee, 2013-2017

Leadership

- St. Bonaventure University, Board of Trustee, 2009-2018
- National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, Florida Commissioner 2005-2007