



JOSEPH G. CURRAN

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Joseph is a seasoned litigator and former prosecutor with significant jury trial experience. His current work focuses primarily on the areas of personal injury; toxic tort; public utility work; and commercial, business, environmental, discrimination, and white-collar criminal defense litigation.

Joe's litigation experience includes the defense of clients accused of violating environmental laws, committing bankruptcy or Medicaid fraud, or tax evasion. He has represented suppliers, product manufacturers, and premises owners in property damage and personal injury matters involving various hazardous substances, including, but not limited to, chemical products and asbestos.

In his employment practice, Joe has handled discrimination cases in various forums including the EEOC, New York State Division of Human Rights, as well as state and federal courts.

In addition, Joe counseled clients in investigations and actions conducted or brought by state and federal authorities including the New York State Attorney General's Office, O.S.H.A., United States Justice Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal and State Bureaus of Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco, Internal Revenue Service, as well as various District Attorney's offices.

Joe has also represented corporations, individuals, and utilities and has handled cases involving negligence, labor law, product liability, and wrongful death arising out of electrocution and drowning. He also has represented clients in personal injury, wrongful death, and property damage claims arising out of natural gas explosions.

Honors

- Listed, *Best Lawyers in America*, Lawyer of the Year (Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action - Defendants), 2024
- Listed, *Best Lawyers in America* (Commercial Litigation, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action - Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants), 2020 - 2024

1800 Bausch & Lomb Place
Rochester, NY 14604

Practices & Industries

Business Litigation

Product Liability & Complex Tort

Admissions

New York

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

Education

Georgetown University, B.S.

Villanova University School of Law, J.D.

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- Listed, *Upstate New York Super Lawyers* (Civil Litigation, Utilities), 2012 - 2023

Experience

- Represented utility in numerous investigations and defense of wrongful death, personal injury, property damage, and lost business revenue claims arising out of residential natural gas explosions throughout the state.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a construction company in a litigation involving chemical exposure to an employee.
- Obtained dismissal of claims against a utility arising from a natural gas explosion at a large apartment complex.
- Successfully represented corporations in employment discrimination cases in state and federal courts as well as in the EEOC and New York State Division of Human Rights.
- Successfully defended a chemical manufacturer against both criminal and civil claims arising from a chemical release.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a property management corporation alleged to have discriminated against families with children at a housing complex on the basis of familial status in violation of the Fair Housing Act, as amended, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968.
- Defended several chemical manufacturers and suppliers in a mass tort litigation arising from alleged chemical exposures to clean room workers in the manufacture of computer chips and related products.

Professional Affiliations

- Certified New York State Mediator
- Receiver and Referee, New York State

Community & Pro Bono

- Task Force Board, Muscular Dystrophy Association
- Co-Founder and Co-Administrator, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Research Endowment
- Board Member, Mirror Show Management
- Brighton Recreational Baseball Coach
- St. Louis CYO Basketball Coach
- Fairport Recreational Baseball Coach