

Joseph A. Natale

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Joe concentrates his practice on commercial litigation, business torts, shareholder and partnership disputes, breach of contract actions, construction disputes, municipal litigation, real estate and land use litigation, employment disputes, and the defense of professional liability actions. His work on behalf of clients encompasses all aspects of pre-trial, trial, chancery and appellate litigation at both the state and federal levels, as well as in private arbitration and administrative law forums.

Joe provides representation to a diverse range of clients, including large and middle market businesses, entrepreneurs, real estate developers, construction contractors, healthcare providers, professional services firms and local government entities.

Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Selected for inclusion by the *New Jersey Law Journal* on the 2025 list of "New Leaders of the Bar," the publication's annual listing of outstanding attorneys under the age of 40 and practicing in New Jersey
- Selected for inclusion in 2025 by *NJBiz* on a list called "Leaders in Law"
- Recipient of the 2024 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, presented by the Morris County Bar Association
- Listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* (a trademark of Woodward/White, Inc.) in the Commercial Litigation (2023 - present) and Professional Malpractice Law (2022 - present) practice areas

Departments

Healthcare
Litigation
Real Estate
Redevelopment & Land Use

Practice Groups

Construction Contracting & Risk Management
Construction Disputes

Education

Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D., 2018
Tufts University, B.A., 2015

Bar Admissions

New Jersey, 2018
New York, 2019
U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, 2019
U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, 2024
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, 2024
U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, 2023
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 2023

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- Listed in *Super Lawyers - New Jersey Rising Stars* (a Thomson Reuters business) in the Business Litigation practice area (2023 - present)

Please visit our Award Methodology page for a description of the standard or methodology on which these accolades are based. Attorney Advertising: No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.

- Secured a favorable buyout of shares on behalf of a minority shareholder of closely held entities in a AAA arbitration and chancery court action
- Helped to obtain a multi-million dollar recovery for a client in a business divorce proceeding brought in private arbitration concerning multiple real estate holding companies
- Prevailed on a motion to dismiss a legal malpractice action brought in federal court against a prominent business litigation law firm
- Successfully negotiated the return of a multiple six-figure permit fee over-assessment improperly levied by a municipality against a construction company in violation of the Uniform Construction Code
- Secured the voluntary dismissal of a claim brought against a law firm for an alleged violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act through aggressive summary judgment motion practice
- Represented the mayor of one of New Jersey's largest cities in a lawsuit filed by its governing body concerning the delegation of statutory redevelopment powers
- Helped to successfully defend on appeal, on behalf of a municipal police department, a Civil Service Commission decision to remove a police officer from employment as a law enforcement employee

UNIQUELY NJ

- New Jersey State Bar Association: Leadership Academy Fellow (2024-2025); Young Lawyers Division, Secretary, Membership Committee Co-Chair, *Dictum* Newsletter Assistant Editor

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey, 2023

Clerkships

Former law clerk to The Honorable Owen C. McCarthy, Superior Court of New Jersey, Monmouth County (2018 - 2019)

- Morris County Bar Association; former Trustee; Construction & Surety Committee Co-Chair
- Morris County Bar Foundation; Trustee
- Essex County Bar Association

PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Presenter, Business Development, Marketing & Networking for Young Lawyers+
Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, March 12, 2026

Moderator, The Fundamentals of Construction Law
Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, August 26, 2025

Moderator, How to Ethically Close a Law Practice
Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, May 30, 2025

Panelist, What You Need to Know About Trust Accounting and Law Firm Planning
Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association*, May 15, 2025

Panelist, Using Modern Tools for Old Fashioned Mentorship and Relationship Building
Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association*, May 14, 2025

Co-Chair and Panelist, Boardwalk Seminar 2025: Business Torts
Sponsor: *New Jersey Association for Justice*, May 1, 2025

Panelist, Preventing and Addressing Construction Defects and Failures in New Jersey
Sponsor: *Halfmoon Education*, October 8, 2024

Panelist, Best Practices Make Perfect: Law Firm Management, Structure, Disputes, and Succession Planning
Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association*, May 16, 2024

NEWS

Joseph A. Natale Recognized by *New Jersey Law Journal* on 2025 "New Leaders of the Bar" List
September 3, 2025

2026 Edition of *Best Lawyers* Recognizes 54 Attorneys in 41 Practice Areas: Eight Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List
August 21, 2025

Joseph A. Natale to be Sworn In as Secretary of NJSBA Young Lawyers Division
April 23, 2025

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Thirty-Five Attorneys from Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis Selected for Inclusion in 2025 Edition of New Jersey Super Lawyers

March 20, 2025

Mary E. Toscano and Joseph A. Natale Recognized by NJBIZ as 2025 "Leaders in Law" Honorees
February 10, 2025

Joseph A. Natale Selected as Fellow of NJSBA 2024-2025 Leadership Academy
September 11, 2024

2025 Edition of *Best Lawyers* Recognizes 56 Attorneys in 39 Practice Areas: Ten Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Three Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition
August 15, 2024

Joseph A. Natale Honored by Morris County Bar Association
May 15, 2024

Joseph A. Natale Joins Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis as Litigation Associate
May 15, 2024