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PARTNER

Overview

Joe is a zealous advocate who aggressively pursues what others say can't be done. He was raised to value service and became a lawyer because he always believed that service was at the core of a lawyer's role in the community. Today he handles litigation, defending clients in matters relating to commercial disputes, product liability, professional liability, premises liability, bad faith insurance defense, insurance coverage disputes and election law.

As co-chair of the Cryptocurrency, Blockchain and FinTech Service Group, Joe has experience in all aspects of the digital asset space. He has been an active investor and proponent of Bitcoin since 2015. Joe provides practical and legal knowledge to individuals and companies on regulatory compliance and custodial solutions for digital assets for the last several years. He advises crypto startups and handles disputes involving cryptocurrency exchanges. He also has experience advising on the stablecoin rollout process in the banking industry, from risk assessment and regulatory analysis through compliance. Joe closely studies the nascent field of litigation and discovery involving digital assets. He is prepared to help clients navigate the full range of complex and evolving issues in the field. Joe shares a passion for the technology driving global adoption of cryptocurrency and is a frequent speaker on payment systems, Bitcoin, blockchain technology, and DeFi.

Joe is an adjunct professor at Chicago-Kent College of Law, teaching trial advocacy. He also coaches Chicago-Kent's nationally ranked Trial Advocacy Team.

Experience

Defended a Company in the Cryptocurrency Industry that was Sued by its Former Business Advisors

SERVICES

Business Litigation

Cryptocurrency, Blockchain & FinTech

Electronic Discovery & Information Governance

EDUCATION

Chicago-Kent College of Law,
J.D., 2012, *cum laude*

Loyola University Chicago,
B.A., 2008, *magna cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Indiana

Texas

Obtained Summary Judgment in Connection With a Claim for Underinsured Motorist Benefits

Achieved Summary Judgment on a Legal Malpractice Claim

Advised Bank on the Launch of Its Stablecoin

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Membership & Involvement

- Member: National Young Leadership
- Chief Legal Correspondent: *The Bitcoin Layer* Podcast
- Fellow: People for the American Way; New Leader Council

Honors

- Named "Champion" and "Best Advocate," National Institute for Trial Advocacy's (NITA) *Tournament of Champions*, 2010
- Selected to the Illinois Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" list: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
- Selected to *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* in Commercial Litigation: 2021, 2022
- Selected to *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* in Insurance Law: 2022

Firm News

Congratulations to Amundsen Davis's 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars!

Firm News, January 21, 2026

Congratulations to Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2025 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

Firm News, January 21, 2025

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List

Firm News, January 25, 2024

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2023 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List

Firm News, *Amundsen Davis*, January 23, 2023

25 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2022 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

Firm News, January 28, 2022

28 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*© 2022
Firm News, August 19, 2021

22 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2021 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, January 29, 2021

24 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*© 2021
Firm News, August 20, 2020

19 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2020 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, January 29, 2020

Amundsen Davis Promotes Four Attorneys to Partner
February 26, 2019

17 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2019 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, January 24, 2019

[In the Media](#)

[Joe Carlasare Quoted on 2025 Market Predictions](#)

[CoinDesk Quotes Joe Carlasare on Bitcoin's Recent Drop](#)

[Joe Carlasare Cited in Bitcoin Consensus Analysis](#)

[Joe Carlasare Quoted by *Forbes* on U.S. Crypto Policy](#)

[Joe Carlasare Cited in Article on the SEC's Lawsuit Against Binance](#)

[Joe Carlasare Discusses Binance's Recent Lawsuit With the Commodity Futures Trading Commission](#)

[The Café Bitcoin Podcast: Joe Carlasare Appears on Podcast](#)

[BTC Sessions: Joe Carlasare Appears on Podcast](#)

[We Study Billionaires: Joe Carlasare Appears on Podcast](#)

[Fed Watch - Bitcoin and Macro: Joe Carlasare Appears on Podcast](#)

[Bitcoin Magazine Podcast: Joe Carlasare Appears on Podcast](#)

[Blue Collar Bitcoin Podcast: Joe Carlasare Appears on Podcast](#)

[BitcoinTina on Bitcoin: Joe Carlasare Appears on Podcast](#)

[The Pomp Podcast: Joe Carlasare Appears on Podcast](#)

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Joe Carlasare Quoted in *Bloomberg*

The Bitcoin Effect: Joe Carlasare Appears on Podcast

Joe Carlasare Featured in "Bitcion FUD" Documentary

Joe Carlasare Quoted in *Wired Magazine*

"Sec. V. Ripple: Explained"- Brad Mills Interviews Joe Carlasare for *Real Vision*

No, the Government Can't Shut Down Cryptocurrency -- *King5 News* cites Joe Carlasare and Eric Fogel

Meet 5 Chicago Millennials who volunteer for campaigns – RedEye Chicago Highlights Joe Carlasare

Alerts

Cryptocurrency and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill: Two Competing Amendments and their Implications for the Crypto Industry

The Impact of El Salvador Recognizing Bitcoin as "Legal Tender" on U.S. Law

Federal Court Sanctions Defendant for Failure to Preserve E-mails

Speaking Engagements

Bitcoin 2025

Speaking Engagement, Las Vegas, NV, May 27, 2025

Bitcoin 2024

Speaking Engagement, Bitcoin Magazine, Seminar; Nashville, TN, July 25, 2024 - July 27, 2024

Keeping Up With Claims Files, Privileges, & Claims Professional Depositions

Speaking Engagement, Client Seminar, Bloomington, Illinois, November 1, 2021

Published Works

The European Union's AI Act Makes Its Mark and U.S. Businesses Are Within Its Reach

Publication, *USLAW Magazine*, Summer 2025

Congress Has Kicked the Cyber Hornet's Nest

Bitcoin Magazine, August 12, 2021

To Fix Dangerous Infrastructure Bill, Bitcoiners Must Engage

Bitcoin Magazine, August 3, 2021

El Salvador's Use Of Bitcoin Complicates US Commercial Law

Law360, June 11, 2021