



## Joe Meadows

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Joe is a veteran trial attorney who represents businesses and individuals in complex commercial litigation, intellectual property disputes, and defamation and First Amendment matters in federal and state courts nationwide.

With more than two decades of courtroom experience — including service as a Department of Justice trial attorney — Joe has tried cases before judges and juries, argued trial and appellate matters, and arbitrated commercial disputes across multiple jurisdictions. He is well versed in cyber-reputation issues, advising clients on the protection of brands, reputations and property from online attacks and damaging statements.

Joe also handles trademark and patent infringement cases in federal court, as well as registration disputes before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. He counsels clients on the strategic deployment of intellectual property to advance their business objectives.

Clients in the cybersecurity, e-commerce and communications sectors look to Joe for guidance on litigation and regulatory risk. He maintains strong relationships with digital forensics investigators, ransomware response teams and crisis communications professionals, enabling him to assemble the right resources when clients face urgent threats. Joe is the current author of *The Law of Defamation in Virginia* (Fifth Edition) and has been featured as a defamation litigator in articles, television and radio programs.

His client base spans government contractors, healthcare companies, technology and e-commerce businesses, manufacturers, start-up ventures, political figures, and high-net-worth individuals.

### Services

- Litigation
- Media & Defamation
- IP Litigation

### Representative Matters

- Represented services companies in trademark disputes before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and in federal courts.
- Represented cybersecurity company in patent infringement cases in the Eastern District of Virginia and District of Maryland.

- Represented U.S. government contractors in defamation and tortious interference litigations in numerous state and federal courts.
- Represented start-up technology and healthcare companies in defamation cases against bloggers and short sellers in Virginia and Pennsylvania state and federal courts.
- Represented a former professional athletics team staff member in a federal defamation action in the District of Columbia against a team owner.
- Represented high-profile former federal government officials in Maryland defamation cases against media organizations.
- Represented a high-profile former intelligence officer in a Massachusetts defamation and cyber-attack case against unknown defendants.
- Defended a U.S. government contractor in a False Claims Act jury trial in the Eastern District of Virginia involving weapons matters, obtaining a defense verdict.
- Defended various healthcare companies in dismissal or settlement of False Claims Act claims.
- Represented a college instructor in a defamation jury trial in the District of New Jersey, obtaining a split verdict.
- Represented individual and company clients in litigation and settlement of business and partnership contract disputes in the D.C. metropolitan area.

### Before Fox Rothschild

Joe joined us from a national law firm where he was Chair of the Defamation and First Amendment Litigation Practice. He has practiced at law firms in the District of Columbia and Virginia, litigating local and national cases. He started his legal career in 1998 as a Trial Attorney with the Department of Justice, Tax Division, where he received the Tax Division's Outstanding Attorney Award in 2000. Joe was hired through the Honors Program after earning his law degrees from the West Virginia University College of Law and Georgetown University Law Center.

### Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- Virginia

### Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, District of Maryland
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia
- U.S. Tax Court

### Education

- Georgetown University Law Center (LL.M. in Taxation, *with distinction*, 1998)
- West Virginia University College of Law (J.D., *Order of the Coif*, 1997)
- Wake Forest University (B.S., *cum laude*, 1994)
  - Accounting. Passed CPA Exam

### Memberships

- American Bar Association
  - Section of Litigation
  - Forum on Communications Law
  - Expert Witness Committee (Former Editor)

## Accomplishments

Joe has passed the CPA exam.

## Honors & Awards

- "Idealist of the Year," D.C. City Year (2012)
- "Outstanding Attorney Award," Department of Justice (2000)

## Publications

Spring 2020

**Small Business Reorganization Under the Cares Act and SBRA, and What that Means for Creditors**  
*Bankruptcy Law News, Virginia State Bar*

March 6, 2024

**High Court Social Media Speech Ruling Could Implicate AI**  
*Law360*

2022

**The Law of Defamation in Virginia (Fifth Edition)**  
*Virginia Continuing Legal Education*

January 15, 2021

**DC Circ. Lobbyist Ruling May Lead To 1st Amendment Clarity**  
*Law360*

November 30, 2020

**Why You Should Consider Opting for Arbitration During the Coronavirus Pandemic**  
*American Bar Association Practice Pointers*

June 15, 2020

**Insight: Don't Say This in the New Workplace**  
*Bloomberg Law*

December 9, 2019

**Understanding Gov't Contractor Defamation Privilege**  
*Law360*

November 2, 2017

**Responding to a Cyber Reputation Attack: A Game Plan and a Digital Forensics Expert**  
*American Bar Association's Expert Witnesses Section of Litigation*

February 21, 2017

**When Is the Sale Price Not Equal to Fair Value?**  
*American Bar Association's Expert Witnesses Section of Litigation*

April 1, 2007

**Using Experts in Arbitration**  
*American Arbitration Association Dispute Resolution Journal, Vol.62 No.1*