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Overview

Joel works on corporate matters, assisting in the representation of strategic buyers and sellers, private equity sponsors, and portfolio companies in mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, equity financings and other investment transactions. Joel also provides public and private companies with guidance on general corporate and governance matters. His work involves all stages of a transaction, including preparing term sheets; drafting, reviewing, and negotiating principal deal agreements and ancillary documents; conducting corporate, finance and commercial due diligence; negotiating representations and warranties insurance policies; facilitating closings; and handling post-closing issues.

Prior to working as a lawyer in private practice, Joel worked as a business appraiser and forensic accountant, appraising business entities and ownership interests in connection with M&A transactions, tax matters, financial reporting, litigation consulting and regulatory compliance.

While pursuing his law and business degrees, Joel researched and wrote a 200-page book on the legislative history of the Oklahoma General Corporation Act. His writing and presentation of the book, which remains in working paper form, earned him the Durrell Public Law Research Award as well as a scholarship from the Oklahoma City Mineral Lawyers Society. Joel's law review article regarding the relationship between tribal civil jurisdiction over non-tribal parties and the availability and cost of capital to tribal parties was also published in the American Indian Law Review and won the Salem Civil Rights Award.

Through the University of Oklahoma College of Law International Human Rights Clinic, Joel served as a contributing author to the "Report on the Republic of Suriname to the 25th Session of the Universal Periodic Review, Human Rights Council, April-May 2016." The purpose of the report was to provide to the United Nations a third-party review of the human rights concerns of indigenous and tribal peoples in Suriname and to recommend measures to address those concerns.

Education and Credentials

Education

University of Oklahoma, J.D., With Honors, Business Law Certificate, 2016

University of Oklahoma, M.B.A., in Finance and Risk Management, 2016

Practices & Industries

Corporate & Business Law

Mergers & Acquisitions

Private Companies

Private Equity & Venture Capital

Public Companies & Securities

Kansas State University, B.S., *summa cum laude*, 2011

Admissions

District of Columbia

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

State of Illinois

State of New York

State of Texas

Recognition and Community

No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the highest court of any state. Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome. [See Awards Methodology.](#)

Recognitions

Outstanding Editor Award, American Indian Law Review

CALI Award, Securities Regulation

Salem Civil Rights Award

Durrell Public Law Research Award

Oklahoma City Mineral Lawyers Society Presentation Scholarship

In The Media

"Current Issues in International Indigenous Human Rights Throughout the Americas," New York City Bar Association
August 5, 2025

"Sign and Close vs. Close at a Later Date," TexasBarCLE's 14th Annual Course Essentials of Business Law
March 10, 2023

Simultaneous vs. Split Sign and Close: Drafting and Practical Considerations
TexasBarCLE, March 10, 2023

Nothing Personal (Or Subject Matter) About It: Jurisdictional Risk as an Impetus for Non-Tribal Opt-Outs from Tribal Economies, and the Need for Administrative Response
40 Am. Indian L. Rev. 131, August 1, 2016

"Penn Square Bank, the Oil Bust, and the Corporate Law Revival: Commodities-Based Crises as Inspiration for the Oklahoma General Corporation Act," Oklahoma City Mineral Lawyers Society
April 21, 2016

Report on the Republic of Suriname for the Twenty-Fifth Session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group of the United Nations Human Rights Council
United Nations, April 1, 2016