

Joseph W. Ritter

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Overview

Joseph "Joe" Ritter handles complex commercial litigation matters. He advises businesses in complex commercial disputes and litigation in state and federal courts across a number of industries, including healthcare, aerospace, financial services, real estate, retail, professional services and utilities. Joe conducts discovery and drafts motions and briefs. He also assists clients in conducting sensitive internal investigations and responding to government enforcement actions. Joe has briefed numerous appeals in state and federal appellate courts, including questions of first impression or unsettled legal issues before those courts.

Joe is actively involved in pro bono matters. He regularly acts as a court-appointed representative of allegedly incapacitated persons in guardianship proceedings in New Jersey.

Joe was a summer associate with Day Pitney in 2019. Prior to joining Day Pitney, he served as a legal intern in the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Fraud Prosecution Section, where he assisted in investigations and litigation pertaining to the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act.

Experience

No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the highest court of any state. Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.

Represented Financial Services Firm in week-long arbitration with allegations of violations of certain FINRA rules; all claims were dismissed against Firm

Represented a national retailer before the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division; on appeal, successfully argued the improper use of an outdated jury charge that inappropriately raised the standard of liability, and the Appellate Division reversed the liability determination and granted a new trial on that subject

Represented large energy utilities in multiple class action lawsuits in federal courts alleging improper collection of tax gross-up. Successfully argued that the federal courts lacked subject matter jurisdiction to consider the sought-after relief on particular questions of federal tax and that no supplemental jurisdiction existed over remaining state law claims. All claims were

Practices & Industries

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Energy Litigation

Government Enforcement & White Collar Defense

Internal Investigations

Litigation

dismissed against energy utilities in all jurisdictions that the cases were brought, and all appeals were denied

Education and Credentials

Education

The George Washington University Law School, J.D.

Lafayette College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, Honors in Government and Law, Paul Tully Memorial Prize Recipient, Pi Sigma Alpha

Admissions

State of New Jersey

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

Affiliations

New Jersey State Bar Association

American Bar Association

Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey

Morris County Bar Association

Worrall F. Mountain Inn of Court

Insights

2025 Day Pitney End of Year CLE
November 19, 2025

The PGA Tour-PIF Framework Agreement: Where Does it Stand?
May 15, 2024

New Jersey Federal Civil Procedure
December 22, 2022

Preview of Coming Attractions on Corporate Criminal Enforcement
December 5, 2022

News

Day Pitney Welcomes Fifteen First-Year Associates
January 25, 2021

In The Media

New Hires at Day Pitney's NJ Office On State's Opportunities
Law360 Pulse, January 27, 2021