

## Joseph S. Simpson

PARTNER, CONFLICTS COUNSEL



Joe has extensive experience in environmental law, including litigation and regulatory counseling regarding environmental matters. He has represented Fortune 500 clients concerning compliance in Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (or Superfund) issues, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and other federal regulations and laws. He has extensive experience in environmental indemnity litigation.

He recently served as counsel for a major petroleum company in litigation challenging the company's Clean Air Act permits for a multibillion dollar refinery expansion project. In addition, Joe was part of a team that successfully defended a major petroleum company in a multi-million dollar litigation pertaining to the sale of a chemical plant. His practice experience also extends to:

- Other civil litigation, including product liability, toxic tort, personal injury, civil rights, franchising, and commercial litigation
- Representing clients in the automotive, petroleum, rubber, glass steel, utilities, and other industries

### BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Ohio, 1988

### SERVICE LINE

Corporate, Tax and  
Transactions  
Environmental and Energy

### INDUSTRY SECTOR

Environmental & Energy  
Financial Institutions &  
Insurance  
Health Care  
Hospitality, Leisure, & Sports  
Manufacturing  
Real Estate, Construction, &  
Development

United States District Court, Southern District of, Ohio, 2003

United States District Court, Northern District of, Ohio, 1988

United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 2006

### PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Ohio AgriBusiness Association
- Michigan Agri-Business Association
- Toledo Bar Association
- Ohio Bar Association
- American Bar Association

### HONORS

- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2009 – 2024
- Best Lawyers “Toledo Environmental Law Lawyer of the Year,” 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024

### PRIMARY LOCATION

Toledo, OH

### EDUCATION

J.D., *cum laude*, The  
University of Toledo, 1988

B.S., *magna cum laude*,  
Atlantic Christian College,  
1985