

Joseph K. Cole

PARTNER



Joe focuses his practice on insurance recovery; commercial litigation; and litigation, information, and claims management. He represents and advises clients in a variety of matters, including contract disputes, disputes between business partners, business torts, confidentiality agreements, and employment matters.

As a former judicial clerk for the Honorable Magistrate Judge Mark J. Dinsmore of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, Joe is particularly attuned to jurisdictional issues and has successfully challenged an Ohio court's personal jurisdiction over a foreign subsidiary of an Ohio-based parent company.

As part of his insurance recovery work, Joe represents and assists policyholders with:

- Claims submissions, negotiations with insurers, and litigation of coverage disputes
- Environmental claims, property and business interruption claims, cyber claims, and general liability claims
- Analyzing indemnification agreements to determine his client's rights and obligations and the interplay of such agreements on insurance coverage
- Complex corporate histories and relationships to address insurance coverage issues and the transfer of insurance rights in the sale of a business

SERVICE LINE

Litigation & Disputes

INDUSTRY SECTOR

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

PRIMARY LOCATION

Toledo, OH

- Complex coverage-in-place agreements and coordinating claims management services.

In his free time, Joe likes spending time with his family, walking, and biking the area parks.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Michigan, 2023

Indiana, 2011

Ohio, 2010

U.S. District Court, Northern, Ohio

U.S. District Court, Northern , Indiana

U.S. District Court, Southern, Indiana

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Ohio State Bar Association Advisory Council on Diversity Initiatives, July 2020-Present
- Ohio State Bar Association Council of Delegates, 2019-Present
- Toledo Bar Association Board of Directors, Secretary, 2022-Present
- Toledo Bar Association, Membership Committee, 2019-Present
- Leadership Toledo, Class of 2020
- Toledo Bar Association LGBTQ Council, Chair, 2019; Steering Committee for LGBTQ Council Formation, 2016; Member, 2016-2019
- Toledo Bar Association Young Lawyers Committee, Secretary 2014, Co-Chair 2015
- ABLE/LAWO Pro Bono Clinic, Volunteer
- Toledo Bar Association Expungement Clinic, Volunteer Attorney

HONORS

- The University of Toledo College of Law's UToledo Emerging Leader Award, October 2021
- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation and Insurance Law, 2021-2024
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow, 2020

EDUCATION

J.D., *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif, The University of Toledo College of Law, 2010

B.S., Psychology, Western Michigan University