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Joseph practices in the areas of litigation, interferences, counseling in patent matters, licensing and the preparation and prosecution of patent applications in the chemical and biotechnology arts. Throughout his career, Joseph has achieved each client's business objectives by maintaining a close working relationship. This has been particularly evident in his successful resolution of numerous interferences, whether by settlement, on preliminary motion, or through testimony to final hearing.

Joseph also has a broad patent preparation and prosecution practice with experience in wood and paper technologies, polymers and other organic and inorganic materials, pharmaceuticals, food technology and general chemical processing.

Prior to his legal career, Joseph spent seven years working as a patent liaison, senior chemical engineer for the Linde Division of the Union Carbide Corporation, where he earned invaluable experience working directly with inventors to help define their inventive contributions.

Joseph is a member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, the Bar Association of the District of Columbia, and the American Bar Association. He previously served as an adjunct professor of Law at George Mason University and John Hopkins University, teaching in the areas of patent law and biotechnology patent law.

**Education**

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Princeton University  
1975, B.S., Chemical Engineering  
  
University at Buffalo School of Law  
1981, J.D.

**Admissions****Bar Admissions**

1982, New York  
1983, District of Columbia

**Court Admissions**

District of Columbia Court of Appeals  
Superior Court of the District of Columbia  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

## Practices

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Litigation  
Patent Interferences  
PTAB Litigation  
Patent Prosecution  
Section 337/ITC Litigation

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