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Joseph Catuzzi focuses his practice on complex civil litigation, representing corporate and institutional clients in a range of business litigation matters, including commercial disputes, real estate issues, employment matters, insurance coverage issues, and general liability defense. His client representation includes preparing pleadings and legal memorandum, managing cases, and attending depositions, conferences, hearings, and mediations.

Joe has extensive experience appearing before local governmental agencies to obtain zoning relief, land development approvals, and address historic designation issues. Joe's clients have included real estate developers, public and private corporations, religious organizations, nonprofits, individuals, and local governments. Joe is well versed in Pennsylvania's land development process and leverages his diverse experience to efficiently resolve regulatory issues for clients in a cost-effective manner.

Joe also regularly counsels businesses of all sizes on a wide array of employment issues, including hiring, restrictive covenants, human resource policies, disciplinary and termination matters, and social media issues. He also represents clients in employment-related litigation in federal and state courts as well as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Prior to joining Stradley Ronon, Joe was an associate at another Pennsylvania law firm focusing on real estate and banking, where he represented financial institutions, real estate developers, municipalities, nonprofit organizations and individuals. His client representation included drafting and negotiating agreements of sale and leases, documenting development and construction loans, obtaining vital land use and zoning approvals, counseling local governments, and drafting motions and briefs in civil rights and real estate based litigation.

Joe graduated from Villanova University School of Law, where he was an Editor of Student Works of the *Villanova Law Review*. During law school, he served as a Judicial Extern in the Chambers of the Hon. Eduardo C. Robreno in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and also the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey. He was also a member of Villanova's Clinic for Asylum, Refugee and Emigrant Services (CARES), where he gained experience managing his own clients, and successfully defended a refugee in removal proceedings.

FOCUS

Employments & Labor
Litigation

BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
New Jersey

EDUCATION

J.D., *magna cum laude*, Villanova
University School of Law
B.S., *cum laude*, Villanova University

MEMBERSHIPS

Pennsylvania Bar Association
Montgomery Bar Association
Board of Directors, Habitat for Humanity
of Montgomery & Delaware Counties
Chair, Habitat for Humanity's
Neighborhood Revitalization Committee
Member, Montgomery County
Development Corporation



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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Presenter, “Arbitration Agreements: Pros, Cons, and Future,” Chamber of Commerce of Southern New Jersey

IN THE COMMUNITY

Joseph serves on the board of directors of Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery and Delaware Counties, a nonprofit organization that provides safe, decent, and affordable homes to low-income families by providing no-interest mortgages. He also chairs Habitat’s Neighborhood Revitalization Committee, which promotes community development in the Norristown and Pottstown communities of Montgomery County.

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