Joel Merchant

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PRACTICE AREAS

Asbestos Litigation
Construction
Premises Liability
Products Liability
Toxic Tort Liability

EDUCATION

Suffolk University Law School, JD, 2016
University of Central Florida, BA, Philosophy, 2011

BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts
New York
US District Court, District of Massachusetts

Overview

Joel Merchant concentrates his practice on representing clients in general and complex litigation matters involving construction and labor law, products liability, and toxic tort. Joel has extensive experience managing cases in all stages of litigation, including developing a defense strategy, drafting pleadings, drafting and arguing motions, defending and conducting depositions, negotiating settlements, and preparing for and appearing at trial. Joel has substantial courtroom experience advocating for clients, including arguing discovery motions, motions in limine and examining witnesses at trial.

Joel works with clients to provide creative solutions to complex legal issues through diligent case preparation and effective reporting. His clients know that Joel brings a unique perspective and set of skills to find creative ways to resolve cases.

Prior to joining MG+M, Joel worked as a litigation associate at a law firm in New York City. Joel earned his JD from Suffolk University Law School with a concentration in trial and appellate advocacy. He participated in the Suffolk Defenders Clinic as a student attorney and represented indigent criminal defendants throughout the greater Boston area. He also competed on the Suffolk University Law School National Trial Team and was the Champion of the Inter-Scholastic Trial Competition. Joel holds a BA in philosophy with a minor in religious studies from the University of Central Florida.

Experience

+ Secured an appellate victory in the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department, for a general contractor in a New York Labor Law case, with the court affirming that the plaintiff's injuries were due to pre-existing avascular necrosis, successfully reducing a $17 million claim.
+ Secured a unanimous defense verdict from a New York City area jury for a multinational e-commerce company in a New York Labor Law construction case in which the plaintiff sought $6 million in damages.
+ Secured a unanimous defense verdict in a New York Labor Law construction trial for an owner and construction manager, with the jury finding that the clients did not create or cause the alleged unsafe

condition that led to the plaintiff's injuries.

Recognition

+ Thomson Reuters, *Super Lawyers Rising Star*, 2023-2024
+ MG+M Trial Academy, 2025–2026 Participant

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