

JOSEPH R. RICHIE

Attorney, Shareholder

Joe Richie is an experienced litigation attorney who represents individuals and businesses in complex commercial disputes. He works shoulder-to-shoulder with his clients, leading legal strategy and thorough trial preparation to achieve his clients' business outcomes.

Joe represents a wide range of clients, from Fortune 100 companies in high-stakes federal court trials and arbitrations, to small businesses, shareholders, and individuals in ownership disputes, to pro bono work on behalf of asylum seekers and those who have had their civil rights violated. Joe brings the same thoughtful advocacy, understanding, and tenacity to each matter, regardless of the client or issue.

EDUCATION

J.D., magna cum laude, New York University School of Law
B.A. with comprehensive honors, University of Wisconsin-Madison

ADMISSIONS

State of Minnesota
State of New York
District of Minnesota
Southern District of New York
Eastern District of New York
Second Circuit Court of Appeals
Federal Circuit Court of Appeals

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Minnesota State Bar Association Hennepin County Bar Association Federal Bar Association

PUBLICATIONS

- FTC takes New Approach to Economic Regulation, Minnesota Lawyer and Finance & Commerce – Partner Content, August 2021
- Unpredictability in Privilege Law Creates Practical Challenges, Minnesota Lawyer and Finance & Commerce – Partner Content, January 2020

RESULTS

- Member of trial team that obtained the largest jury verdict in Minnesota history on behalf of Trustee Douglas A. Kelley in Kelley v. BMO Harris Bank, N.A. The jury determined that BMO Harris Bank aided and abetted breaches of fiduciary duty by Tom Petters and his co-conspirators in connection with a massive Ponzi scheme and awarded the Trustee \$563 million, including \$79.5 million in punitive damages.
- Defended a major medical device manufacturer in a patent dispute where the plaintiff sought over \$1 billion in damages, resulting in a jury verdict of non-infringement.
- Defended an ethanol manufacturer against claims of patent infringement in a multi-district litigation, resulting in judgment for Joe's clients, invalidation of the plaintiffs' patents, and an order that they pay Joe's clients' legal fees.
- Won summary judgment in a complex contract dispute on behalf of an automotive parts manufacturing joint venture in a "bet the company" case against one of the joint venture partners.
- Obtained millions of dollars in settlements on behalf of major medical device manufacturers in disputes regarding fraudulent insurance and Medicare billing for their products.
- Obtained a \$4 million judgment in a class action suit on behalf of victims of a predatory housing scheme in New York City.
- Obtained a record \$5 million settlement on behalf of the family of a prisoner who died in custody.



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AWARDS & HONORS

- Selected to the "Minnesota Rising Stars" list by Super Lawyers, 2021-2024
- Order of the Coif, New York University School of Law
- Phi Beta Kappa, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service, Legal Aid Society of New York City

- Authored amicus briefs to the United States Supreme Court and United States Courts of Appeal on behalf of the Innocence Project, American Bar Association, and New York State Bar Association on issues including LGBT rights, government surveillance, and constitutional rights.
- From 2013 to 2014, Joe served as a law clerk to Judge William H. Pauley III of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Before joining Anthony Ostlund, he was an associate in the litigation department at Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP in New York City.

SPEAKING

- Avoiding Contract Disputes With Well-Drafted Terms: Drafting and Negotiating Tips for Ensuring Favorable Outcomes, Strafford, May 21, 2024
- Drafting Considerations for Dispute Resolution Clauses – Forum, Venue, Parties and More , Minnesota State Bar Association, March 21, 2024