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Services

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Appellate Litigation
Catastrophic Injury
Complex Commercial Litigation
Litigation
Product Liability

Industries

Health & Life Sciences



Joe Huff focuses his practice on civil litigation law. He has had significant involvement in a broad range of business and commercial litigation matters in federal and state courts, to include construction related matters and requirements contracts. Much of Joe's litigation experience has come in the context of counseling and representing hospital systems, physicians and physician groups in litigation and operational matters. His experience includes representing hospitals and physicians in: commercial litigation arising from business transactions in healthcare, to include the purchase and sale of hospitals; internal investigations arising from regulatory inquiries (Stark and False Claims Act); self-disclosure of hospital billing and physician contract practices deemed subject to regulatory scrutiny; medical malpractice matters; prosecution of physician privilege revocation proceedings on behalf of hospital clients; defense of qui tam actions against hospitals; EMTALA litigation; and HIPAA matters. In addition to his complex commercial litigation practice, Joe has also been involved in a number of substantial plaintiff's personal injury matters and has defended personal injury actions in a variety of context to include aviation cases, premises liability, and industrial accidents.

Joe was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in 2027 and the 15 years immediately preceding. He was also recognized as the 2016, 2019, 2023, 2025 and 2027 "Augusta Lawyer of the Year" in the area of Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants by *The Best Lawyers in America*®. Joe was named a Georgia "Super Lawyer" in the area of Business Litigation in 2012, 2013 and 2014 by *Super Lawyers* magazine. Joe is AV® rated by Martindale-Hubbell.*

Experience

Represented hospital system in defending malpractice cases arising out of a wide variety of medical and nursing practices.

Represented an institutional health care system in a qui tam action brought by a former staff anesthesiologist who alleged improper billing of certified registered nurse anesthetist services. Plaintiff dismissed the case

following filing of motions to dismiss.

Represented hospital system in investigating potential Stark and anti-kickback law violations and subsequently in the preparation and submission of a self-disclosure to the Office of Inspector General. Representation resulted in a favorable settlement for the client.

Education

University of Georgia School of Law J.D. (1991)

cum laude

Presbyterian College B.A. (1988) English,

summa cum laude

Admissions

Georgia (1991)

Court Admissions

All State and Superior Courts of Georgia (1991)

Court of Appeals of Georgia (1991)

Supreme Court of Georgia (1991)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (1991)

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia (1991)

U.S. District Court - Middle District of Georgia (1991)

U.S. District Court - Northern District of Georgia (1991)

Professional & Community Activities

Augusta Symphony, Former Board President, Executive Board, Counsel

Miller Theater Board, Vice President

Augusta Ronald McDonald House, Former President of the Board of Directors

Martinez-Evans Rotary Club, Past President, Community Service Committee Chair

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Elder

Leadership Augusta, Class of 1996

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