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Practices

Family Law

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Areas of Focus

Divorce

Family Law Mediation

Education

J.D., Seton Hall University School of Law, 2004

B.A., Villanova University, 2001

Admissions

New York, 2005

New Jersey, 2004

U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, 2004

Joe Russell is a Shareholder and Chair of the Family Law group and a member of the Management Committee at Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. While Joe focuses his practice on high net worth/high profile divorce matters, he has a full service family law practice and represents people from all walks of life. His diverse client base demonstrates the depth of his practice and includes business owners, doctors, attorneys, corporate executives, financial advisors, professional athletes, celebrities, television/radio personalities, teachers, policeman, firemen, accountants and their spouses. Joe is always prepared to litigate at trial, but never at the expense of a client's goals when a settlement that minimizes the financial and emotional costs provides a favorable outcome. Results achieved in prior matters are not meant to be a guarantee of success as the facts and legal circumstances vary from matter to matter.

Joe is immersed in the practice of Family Law and all relevant issues, including divorce, alimony, child custody/parenting time, child support, distribution of assets/liabilities, business valuations, protection of exempt assets, family trusts, domestic violence, same sex marriages and prenuptial agreements.

Joe regularly appears in the Family Part throughout New Jersey and is particularly active in Monmouth, Ocean, Middlesex, Somerset, Bergen, Union, Mercer, Morris, Hunterdon, Burlington and Essex Counties. He possesses an intimate knowledge of these courts and opposing counsel. In addition to having been appointed to serve on the Family Law Executive Committee to the New Jersey State Bar Association, Joe also serves on those committees in Ocean and Monmouth Counties, as well as an Early Settlement Panelist in Monmouth and Middlesex Counties.

Joe is also certified as a R. 1:40 Qualified Mediator where he conducts both private and court appointed mediations for litigants throughout the State of New Jersey.

Joe is very involved with his local community in Monmouth County where he devotes substantial time raising money and awareness for LADACIN

Network — Lifetime Assistance for Developmental and Challenging Individual Needs — a non-profit agency whose mission is to provide education, therapeutic, social, residential and support services for people with cerebral palsy or other physical disabilities in Monmouth/Ocean Counties. Joe founded and organizes an annual Polar Bear Plunge for LADACIN. Since 2009, this event has raised over \$1,000,000.00 for LADACIN. Joe also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Monmouth Medical Center Southern Campus. In 2010, Joe received the Humanitarian of the Year Award from LADACIN. In 2019, he received the Community Service Award from the Monmouth-Ocean Developmental Council at the 54th Annual Silver Gull Gala.

Since 2020, Joe has been selected for inclusion in the New Jersey *Super Lawyers* list for Family Law and in its "Rising Stars" list from 2010-2019. He has been selected for inclusion in the *Best Lawyers in America* list in the area of Family Law since 2019.

Super Lawyers® (http://www.superlawyers.com/about/selection_process_detail.html) is published by Thomson Reuters.

Best Lawyers in America® (<https://www.bestlawyers.com/methodology>) is published by Best Lawyers.

A description of the selection processes may be accessed via the above links. The aforementioned organizations are private peer review organizations, not court-specific, public certification vehicles. No aspect of this advertisement has been submitted to or approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

In 2018, Joe served as the Editor for the award-winning *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine* Family Law Edition.

Articles

- Rule 5:8A: Attorney for a Child in a Contested Custody Dispute, *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine*, February 2018 Edition
- "A Summary of 2014 New Jersey Family Law Opinions, Statutes and Court Rules," Wilentz Family Law Case Digest, presented in 2006