

# Joseph C. Sharp

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Joe Sharp consistently strives to achieve optimal results through an acute understanding of client objectives, thorough preparation and the ability to simplify and present complex matters in a straight forward persuasive manner.

Joe has significant experience litigating cases in a variety of areas including:

- Intellectual Property
- Real Estate
- Financial Services
- Restrictive Covenants and Employment

Joe has been involved in numerous complex matters, including securities class actions, consumer class actions and actions consolidated before the Judicial Panel on Multi-District Litigation.

Joe has represented clients in numerous federal and state courts, including courts located in Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Tennessee and Delaware.

Joe has represented clients in financial institutions, telecommunications companies, record companies, real estate developers and national and international manufacturers.

## Education

- University of Georgia School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1993)
  - Georgia Law Review, Managing Editor
- University of Georgia (B.B.A., 1989)
  - Accounting

## Bar Admissions

- Georgia, 1993
- Tennessee, 2014

## Capabilities

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation
- Mergers & Acquisitions Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation
- Restrictive Covenants & Trade Secrets Litigation

## Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- Supreme Court of Georgia
- Georgia Court of Appeals

## Memberships

- The State Bar of Georgia
- Tennessee Bar Association
- Atlanta Bar Association
- Georgia Defense Lawyers Association
- American Bar Association

## Recognition

- *Georgia Trend* magazine, "Georgia's Legal Elite"
- Selected for inclusion in *Georgia Super Lawyers*, 2014-2021
- Selected for inclusion by *Atlanta* magazine, *Georgia Super Lawyers as a Rising Star*, 2006
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, 2008-2013, Litigation: General Commercial-Georgia
- Atlanta Volunteer Lawyer's Foundation Top 50
- 2009 Top Georgia Verdict, #2 Employment

# Matters

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Joe Sharp's successes include:

- Defeating future lost profits claim valued in excess of \$30 million in dispute between a pharmaceutical company and a contract manufacturer.
- Obtaining a \$1.8 million judgment for a company against former officer based on various business tort claims.
- Obtaining \$15,000,000 jury verdict on fraud and breach of contract claims arising out of requirements contract.
- Obtaining seven-figure jury verdict in a defamation case.
- Successfully defending record company in copyright infringement action based on an implied non-exclusive license theory. Obtained summary judgment in federal trial court and affirmance by Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Obtaining an injunction, asset freeze and two judgments exceeding seven figures in trademark infringement action which involved shutting down the manufacture and distribution of counterfeit products.
- Filing and litigating massive civil action against more than forty defendants, resulting in recovery of substantial funds after conducting internal investigation for a national financial services company related to mortgage fraud scheme. (Our investigation also resulted in the Federal prosecution of the offenders by the U.S. Attorney.)
- Obtaining large recovery for plaintiff in complex fraud case against a national insurance company and other defendants who had sold and marketed a prominent

investment product.

- Achieving favorable result for company in action brought against former officer, including obtaining comprehensive injunction relief and significant financial recovery.
- On behalf of the widow, successfully recovering at a jury trial the life insurance proceeds of a terminally ill attorney who had been defrauded into signing away his life insurance.
- Significant recovery for building owner on nuisance claim against large municipality for damage to office building plumbing system.
- Obtaining summary judgment in defense of a computer software manufacturer in case involving multi-million dollar fraud claim related to sale of facility.
- Obtaining summary judgment for technology company in case brought by former high-level executive who claimed he was entitled to thousands of shares of stock based on purported stock option agreement.
- Obtaining favorable class settlement for private equity company and president against RICO and other claims related to financing transactions and asset transfer.
- Obtaining summary judgment for defendant in RICO case wherein plaintiffs alleged client participated in fraudulent scheme related to sale of interests in numerous real estate partnerships.