

# Joseph R. Delehanty

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Joe Delehanty is a first-chair litigator and business advisor who represents private equity portfolio companies, closely held businesses and growth-stage enterprises in high-stakes disputes. He leads commercial litigation in state and federal courts nationwide, with experience across contract, shareholder and fiduciary duty claims; trade secret and restrictive covenant matters; and trademark and copyright claims. Joe oversees case strategy, discovery and trial preparation, including dispositive briefing and oral argument in complex disputes where business risk and reputational exposure are high.

In addition to his litigation practice, Joe serves as outside counsel to companies navigating commercial agreements, employment issues, financings and M&A. His dual perspective as trial lawyer and strategic advisor allows him to spot risk early and align legal strategy with business outcomes. Joe also has significant experience in real estate litigation and transactions. He has handled boundary and prescriptive easement disputes, construction litigation involving insurance coverage and damage recovery issues, and related matters in both state and federal court. On the transactional side, he has advised clients on the purchase and sale of commercial property, resolving title, environmental and financing issues to close complex deals efficiently.

As a former small business owner, he understands the pressures companies face at all stages of growth, and he brings that insight to advising startups and emerging businesses on entity formation, contract negotiation, fundraising and IP protection.

## Education

- Indiana University Maurer School of Law (J.D., 2013)
  - Lofton Scholarship Fellow
- Indiana University (B.A., 2009)
  - History, Honors Notation
  - Economics
  - Germanic Studies

## Bar Admissions

- Illinois

## Capabilities

- Commercial Litigation
- Mergers & Acquisitions Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation
- Litigation

- Indiana

## Court Admissions

- State of Indiana
- State of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana

## Memberships

- Indianapolis Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division Board Member, 2015-2019
- Sagamore American Inn of Court, Inn Administrator, 2014-2019

## Recognition

- Recognized as a “Rising Star” in *Illinois Super Lawyers*® for Business/Corporate, 2021-2026

## Languages

- German

# Matters

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- Served as counsel to buyers and sellers in mergers or acquisitions in the steel, manufacturing, chemical, high-tech and real estate industries in transactions valued between \$5 million and \$250 million.
- Assisted an up-and-coming author in the assertion of her copyright against a global publisher.
- Successfully represented a large condominium association in a construction defect claim against the builder and development company of the condominium, resulting in the complete replacement of the condominium’s roof and drainage system.
- Served as outside general counsel to a food and confection co-packing firm with revenues of more than \$150 million, advising on master service agreements with global food brands, corporate governance, capital expenditure agreements and real estate matters.