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Joseph Boccassini's insightful and innovative leadership continues to expand McCarter's capabilities across practice areas, encouraging a diverse, collegial, and intellectually challenging work environment that attracts and retains the legal industry's top talent. Joe is also a driving force behind the firm's thriving pro bono practice, which recently earned McCarter the ABA's 2019 Pro Bono Publico Award.

Joe is McCarter's firmwide managing partner and a member of the firm's Executive Committee and Compensation Committee. He has led McCarter through four years of continued growth while maintaining our long-standing focus on delivering exceptional client service. Joe is responsible for managing the legal practices, advancing the pro bono and diversity programs, and maintaining the firm's collegial culture.

Prior to becoming firmwide managing partner, Joe's practice focused on complex commercial litigation in federal and state courts in New York, New Jersey, and Delaware. He has represented clients in connection with all types of civil matters, including alleged violations of securities laws and federal and state RICO laws, shareholder derivative claims, and professional negligence actions. He has counseled clients with regard to breach of contract and fiduciary duty claims, breaches of representations and warranties, insurance broker malpractice claims, disputes arising out of business transfers and asset purchase agreements, and the enforcement of non-compete agreements. He also has experience conducting internal corporate investigations and counseling boards of directors on corporate governance issues.

As managing partner, Joe has spearheaded the firm's strategic growth, client value and legal project management initiatives, maintaining the Firm's reputation for delivering exceptional legal service in a manner that responds to our clients' needs effectively and efficiently. Joe is also actively involved in several firmwide committees that put McCarter's core values into practice. A powerful, hands-on advocate of the firm's pro bono services, he spent a week in rural Georgia providing free legal aid to asylum seekers being held at the Irwin County Detention Center. Joe is also actively engaged with the Diversity & Inclusion Committee, helping promote the professional development of law students, lawyers and professionals who reflect McCarter's vibrant clients and communities.

Joe serves on the Board of Directors of Felician University, having previously served on its Board of Regents. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Saint Peter's Prep, and previously served on the Board of Directors for Rutherford Education Foundation, a charitable organization formed to advance the academic, athletic, and extracurricular experiences of students in the Borough of Rutherford, NJ.

Representative Matters

Various clients—Alternative dispute resolution

Representing clients in various alternative dispute resolution forums, including the American Arbitration Association and the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution.

Major bank—Two jury trial wins

Defending a major bank in two jury trial wins and two appeals to the Second Circuit in a \$90 million case brought by secured equipment trust certificate holders alleging breaches of contract, fiduciary duty, and the federal Trust Indenture Act.

Chemical company—Multimillion-dollar award

Securing a multimillion-dollar award for a major chemical company in a binding arbitration arising from a chemical supply contract, successfully defeating claims in excess of \$30 million and prevailing on a counterclaim of approximately \$10 million.

Mail-order retailer—Appellate victory

Affirming the Appellate Division of New Jersey Superior Court's complete dismissal of a \$25 million lawsuit brought by an asset-based lender against our client, a mail-order retailer.

Electronics manufacturer—\$33 million judgment

Affirming a \$33 million judgment on behalf of a multinational consumer electronics maker, before the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Hedge fund—Summary judgment dismissal

Obtaining a summary judgment dismissal of an \$8 billion short-selling RICO conspiracy case in favor of the client, a preeminent hedge fund group and its principal, in a highly publicized litigation in the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, JD, *cum laude*, 1992

Georgetown University, BS, *magna cum laude*, 1989

Bar Admissions

New Jersey

New York

District of Columbia

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

Memberships and Certifications

American Bar Association
Litigation Section

New Jersey State Bar Association

Sedona Conference

Felician University
Board of Directors

Saint Peter's Prep
Board of Directors

Recognitions*

Leaders in Law Honoree, *NJBIZ*, 2021

Law Power 50, *NJBIZ*, 2020 and 2021

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