

# Joseph Steadman

## Associate

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Corporate clients facing high-stakes litigation, including potential class actions, as well as breach of contract matters and bad faith claims, rely on Joe Steadman for clear communication and an efficient, level-headed approach that prioritizes their business goals. Whether helping a key executive understand the finer points of a legal issue or arguing a motion in federal court, Joe applies the written and oral advocacy skills he honed in multiple judicial clerkships and across multiple areas of practice to foster connection and earn successful results.



Well-versed in drafting pleadings and submissions, such as dispositive motions, discovery motions, and answers to complaints, Joe also has experience in deposing witnesses, defending depositions, and preparing witnesses for trial and administrative testimony. He has given oral arguments and advocated for clients in settlement conferences before mediators, state judges, and federal judges. While his previous work featured a particular focus on representing insurers in complex commercial insurance coverage litigation, today Joe's clients include industry-leading companies across a range of sectors.

## EXPERIENCE

### Clerkships

Hon. Timothy Rice, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (2020-2021)  
Hon. John Gallagher, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (2020)  
Hon. Nancy Ridgway, New Jersey Superior Court (2019-2020)

### Representative Engagements

- Defending active and threatened class litigation in Illinois, Kentucky, Nevada, and Georgia.
- Counseled a major insurance company in resolving a state regulatory examination. Counseled a major insurance company in resolving a state regulatory investigation.
- Represented an international insurer in reaching a favorable settlement of litigation stemming from a factory fire in France.
- Represented multiple insurance carriers in COVID-19 coverage litigation regarding senior care facilities throughout the country.
- Has obtained dismissal in actions involving breach of contract and bad faith.
- Represented clients in litigation regarding business income loss, including defending depositions of expert forensic accounting witnesses.
- Represented a major insurance company in reaching a favorable settlement of litigation based on a novel theory of water loss, including taking the deposition of Plaintiff's expert plumbing witness.

## CREDENTIALS

### Education

Temple University Beasley School of Law, J.D., 2019, *cum laude*

Part-Time Evening Division

Trial Advocacy Graduation Certificate

Managing Editor, *Temple International and Comparative Law Journal*

Temple Law Federal Clerkship Honors Program

Teaching Assistant in Trial Advocacy Program

Dean's List

Villanova University, B.A., French and Francophone Studies, Political Science, and Business

Minor 2013, *cum laude*

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### Bar Admissions

Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

### Professional Memberships

Chicago Bar Association

Illinois State Bar Association

Seventh Circuit Bar Association

Young Lawyers' Committee, Illinois Co-Chair

St. Ignatius Law Society

### Languages Spoken & Fluency

French, Fluent

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

"Bad Faith in First Party Property Claim Handling," (speaker) Adjuster Association of Chicago  
(September 8, 2022)

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

MetroSquash, Auxiliary Board Member

Villanova University Business School, Mentor

St. Laurence High School Mock Trial Club, Moderator (2022-2023)