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Joshua Klarfeld is a litigator who focuses his practice on business disputes and complex litigation. He also defends manufacturers and distributors in product liability litigation, including in the pharmaceutical and medical device industries. Whether in the context of multidistrict or mass tort litigation or in individual cases, Joshua routinely serves as a member of litigation teams in high-profile cases.

Joshua manages all stages of pretrial proceedings, from strategizing the defense or prosecution of the case, to pleadings, pre-answer motions, and discovery, through resolution. Joshua has significant experience defending and examining litigants, corporate representatives, and expert witnesses in various fields, including industry-specific standards of care, regulatory affairs, causation, materials science, toxicology, and economic loss.

He has briefed and argued dispositive motions and appeals in state and federal courts throughout the country and has conducted mediations across a variety of legal disputes. He also counsels clients on recalls in front of federal agencies, including the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Recognized for his skill, Joshua has been named to the *Best Lawyers in America* list in both Commercial Litigation and Product Liability Litigation and the Ohio *Super Lawyers* list.

Education

- Yeshiva University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2002)
 - Economics
- Cleveland State University, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2005)

Admissions

- Ohio
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals - Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals - Sixth Circuit

Services & Industries

- Appellate
- Commercial Litigation
- Distressed Investments
- Life Sciences & Biotechnology
- Litigation
- Middle East Practice
- Products Liability

- United States Court of Appeals - Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court - Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court - Southern District of Ohio
- United States District Court - Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court - Central District of Illinois
- United States District Court - Eastern District of Michigan

Professional Affiliations

- Adjunct Professor, Legal Writing Department, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

Awards & Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants, 2021-2023; Commercial Litigation, 2025-2026
- Ohio *Super Lawyers*, 2014-2026
- Top 100 Ohio attorney and a Top 50 Cleveland attorney in the *Super Lawyers* list, 2021-2023
- Ohio *Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list, 2011, 2013
- *Benchmark Litigation* "Future Star," 2022-2026
- *Benchmark Litigation*, Under 40 Hot List, 2017-2020

Community Involvement

- Steering Committee, VeloSano, Cycling event to raise money for cancer research, 2016-2018; Team Leader 2014-2016
- Board of Directors & Executive Committee, Young Israel of Greater Cleveland
- Board of Directors, Hebrew Academy of Cleveland

Key Matters

- Representation of a product distributor in a commercial dispute arising from chemical contamination allegedly caused by a product.
- Representation of clients in the skilled-nursing industry in commercial and real estate disputes.
- Defense of vehicle manufacturers and distributors in alleged design and manufacturing defect cases.
- Representation of a product manufacturer in commercial disputes arising from an oxygen system that was alleged to have caused catastrophic injuries.
- Guided manufacturers in recalls, including before the CPSC and NHTSA.
- Defense of medical device (Class I-III, 510(k), PMA) and pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors (ANDA, NDA, OTC, and monograph) in all phases of litigation, including multidistrict litigation and state-coordinated proceedings.
- Counseled clients on legal ethics questions including law firm mergers, conflicts of interest, and attorney advertising.

Published In

- "Lawyer Well-Being: It's an Ethics Issue, Too," *Professionalism Perspectives*, September 2018

- “A Legislative Response to Shotgun Litigation,” *For The Defense*, February 2014
- “Chazakah: Judaic Law’s Non-Adverse Possession,” *52 Cleve. St. L. Rev.* 623, 2004-2005

Thought Leadership

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Speaking Engagements

- “The Role of Bais Din in Mediation Disputes,” H3 Business Halacha Summit, December 2021
- “Arkaos and You: Contemporary Beth Din Issues,” H3 Business Halacha Summit, December 2019
- “Medicare Fact or Fiction: A Conversation About Future Medical Expenses & Medicare Set Asides,” The Maritime Law Association of the United States and The Ibero-American Institute of Maritime Law Fall Meeting of the MLA and 18th Congress of the IIDM’s Continuing Legal Education and Academic Program, October 2013
- “To Report or Not To Report: I’m Medicare and I Want my Money Back,” U.S. Maritime Law Association’s Annual Fall Meeting, December 2011