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Focus

- Litigation
- Labor and Employment
- Land Use Law
- Government
- Construction

Strategic advocate and skilled problem-solver with a successful track record litigating construction disputes. Offering clients tailored solutions and credible, confident representation.

Joe Passeretti represents a wide array of clients in complex civil litigation across state and federal courts. With deep experience navigating nuanced legal issues and multi-party disputes, Joe effectively advocates for clients at the trial, appellate, and alternative dispute resolution levels. His practice focuses on litigation involving construction law, contract and commercial disputes, and employment law.

As a Florida Bar board-certified specialist in Construction Law, Joe is recognized for his deep expertise in high-stakes construction disputes. His comprehensive experience includes litigating claims related to mechanic's liens, schedule delays, contract defaults, workmanship deficiencies, errors and omissions, construction defects, insurance coverage issues, and payment and performance bonds.

Notable Work

- Represented large-scale government contractor in all facets of substantial construction projects for the United States government on board various military facilities and installations, including the addition and renovation of military and veterans affairs hospitals.
- Represented multi-jurisdiction developer of health care real estate in contracting, risk management, dispute resolution, and federal, state, and local government regulatory review.
- Defend claims related to design and construction defects for large-scale multifamily and commercial construction projects.
- Represented owner in the construction and project management of a new hospital and its associated campus.
- Represented local contractor in resolving a Request for Equitable Adjustment founded on changes, delays, and unforeseen conditions.
- Defended local business and construction firm in allegations of non-compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act on a commercial construction project.

- Represent numerous builders from preconstruction phase through project close-out, providing risk management strategies and dispute resolution.

Recognition

- Florida *Super Lawyers*, 2019-2026
  - Rising Stars, 2010-2011, 2017-2018

Media

- "September 1, 2026, On the Move," *Food Beverages Press Releases*, September 1, 2026
- "GrayRobinson adds 5 attorneys to new office in Pensacola," *Westlaw Today*, December 6, 2024
- "GrayRobinson Expands to Pensacola, Opening 16th Office with Team of Board-certified Attorneys," *Business Wire*, December 5, 2024
- "GrayRobinson Opens Office in Pensacola, Marking First New Office Since 2019," *Law.com*, December 5, 2024
- "GrayRobinson Expands to Pensacola, Opening 16th Office with Team of Board-Certified Attorneys," *Market Watch*, December 5, 2025
- "GrayRobinson Opens Newest Florida Office In Pensacola," *Law360*, December 5, 2024
- "GrayRobinson expands to Pensacola, opens 16th office," *Florida Politics*, December 4, 2024

Affiliations

- The Florida Bar
  - Grievance Committee
  - Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors
    - First Circuit Representative, 2011-2015
- Junior Achievement of NW Florida
  - Advisory Council
  - Volunteer
  - Board Member, 2005-2020
  - President, 2016-2018
- Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association
  - Executive Committee Member
  - President, 2024-2025
  - Vice President, 2023-2024
  - Treasurer, 2022-2023
  - Secretary, 2021-2022
- Florida Bar Construction Certification Committee
  - Vice Chair, 2022-2023
  - Chair, 2023-2024

Credentials

- J.D., University of Miami School of Law, 2004
- B.A., Huntingdon College, 2001
- Board-certified by The Florida Bar in Construction Law

Admissions

- Florida
- Colorado
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Florida