

Joe Jacquot

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Practice & Industry Areas

- Business Litigation
- Government Affairs Law & Lobbying
- Government Procurement
- Appellate Law

Education

- University of Florida College of Law, J.D., with honors, 1999
- University of Virginia, B.A., Political and Social Thought, 1992

Bar & Court Admissions

- Florida, 1999
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- United States District Court, Florida
 - Northern District
 - Middle District
 - Southern District

Overview

Joe Jacquot is a business litigation shareholder who focuses his practice on representing clients in complex state matters involving litigation and appellate work, as well as counseling companies on various regulatory issues. Having served in high-level public sector positions, Joe is dedicated to bringing his insight and experience with judicial and government systems to help clients navigate the same.

Joe served as the general counsel to Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, from the Governor's inauguration in January 2019 through October 2020. In this capacity, Joe was responsible for all litigation and legal matters of the Governor and state executive agencies. Joe handled cases on behalf of the Governor and his administration before federal and state courts, including five matters before the Florida Supreme Court on matters of statewide significance.

Joe led the Governor's legal team through the COVID-19 pandemic, including drafting and implementing the Governor's executive orders including the reopening plan. Joe served as the chief ethics officer for the Governor including advising on Florida's public records and public meeting laws. He also oversaw the Governor's judicial appointment process which resulted in seating five justices to the Florida Supreme Court and more than 100 judges to lower courts.

From 2007-2010, Joe served as Florida's chief deputy attorney general, during which he successfully argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in the Miranda rights case, *Florida v. Powell*. After this public service, and prior to his general counsel role with the Governor, he was a litigation partner at a national law firm, leading the firm's State Attorneys General practice handling antitrust, consumer protection and other enforcement actions and worked as a senior vice president and counsel to a publicly traded mortgage-industry company in Jacksonville.

Earlier in his career, he served as the deputy chief counsel for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, managing the confirmations of Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito. Joe earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Virginia and his law degree at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. He also served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy.

Professional Associations & Memberships

- Judicial Nominating Commission for the Fifth District Court of Appeal, Chair, 2022