



## Joseph H. Bucci

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**Joseph H. "Joe" Bucci is Counsel practicing with the Business Law practice group, focusing primarily on commercial litigation. He practices out of the Firm's office in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.**

Joe has quite the colorful history having attended law school at night while being a project engineer on two \$100M+ high-rise, ground-up construction projects. He started his career as an apprentice steamfitter and rose to journeyman steam fitter, working with the tools in the HVAC and mechanical contracting business. Joe has worked as an estimator, project engineer, construction manager, mechanical/electrical coordinator, a designer/builder, and then in-house counsel for a major general construction company. You might say he knows the tools of the trade "from the ground up."

Joe has experience providing clients with guidance in construction law; government contracting; private contracting; architectural/engineering law matters; surety law; marine construction; energy law; wind farms on land and at sea; solar farms; pipeline projects; road, bridge, and heavy highway; infrastructure; industrial/manufacturing facilities; healthcare facilities; educational facilities; real estate development; site development and underground utilities; residential construction and housing developments; dispute resolution; arbitration/mediation; corporate matters; business succession planning; employment law; and corporate matters. He administers OSHA matters; implements dispute resolution procedures; presents and resolves claims for equitable adjustments and engages in mediation; arbitration; and litigation proceedings. Joe serves as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, a mediator for the U.S. District Court of Western Pennsylvania, and an arbitrator for the Allegheny County Bar Association's Construction Dispute Resolution Group. He also offers his services as a private arbitrator or mediator to those in the construction, engineering, oil and gas, energy, and real estate development fields.

Joe earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, in business administration and management from the University of Pittsburgh. He earned his Juris Doctor from Duquesne University School of Law, where he is an Adjunct Professor at the Law School.

In his free time, Joe enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, attending musical performances, wine making, and traveling. He even tries to sneak in a game of bocce when given the chance.

## Awards

- Certificate as Journeyman Steamfitter, Community College of Allegheny County (1979)

## Work History

- Jackson Kelly PLLC (2022-Present)
- Rothman Gordon, P.C., Partner (2018-2022)
- Saul Ewing LLP, Partner (2013-2018)

- Leech Tishman, Partner (2011-2013)
- Houston Harbaugh, Partner (2007-2011)
- Metz Lewis, Partner (2001-2007)

## Practices

- Construction Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Government Contracts
- Real Estate
- Business Law
- Arbitration, Mediation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Construction Law
- Workplace Safety & Health
- Renewable Energy

## Industries

- Construction
- Energy

## Education

- Duquesne University School of Law, Evening Division (J.D., 1988)
- University of Pittsburgh (B.A. in Business Administration and Management, General, *cum laude*, 1979)

## Admissions

- Pennsylvania (1988)
- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (1988)
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- Pennsylvania Board of Claims

## Professional Organizations

- American Bar Association
  - Forum on Construction Industry
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
  - Construction Law Section
- Allegheny County Bar Association
  - Litigation Section
  - Construction Law Section
  - Panel of Construction Arbitrators
  - Opinions Editor
- American Arbitration Association Panel of Arbitrators (Nov. 1, 1991)
- Defense Research Institute (DRI), Construction

## Speaking Engagements & Publications

### Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, Advanced Issues and Answers Construction Law (NBI, March 5th 2020)
- Speaker on construction law matters at various seminars over the years offering CLE credits
- Speaker, DRI Conference on Construction Cases of the Year (2017)
- Speaker, "Bad Faith Claims Against Sureties," AGC's 2016 Conference on Surety Bonding & Construction Risk Management (Feb. 1, 2016)

### Writings and Publications

- Author, "State-By-State Guide to Architect, Engineer and Contractor Licensing," Pennsylvania and New Jersey Chapters, Published by Walters Kluwer Law & Business, New York
- Author, "Construction Law Cases of the Month," Published and Internet-Distributed by HLK Global Communications, Inc., McLean, Virginia
- Author, "2007 Update of the 1997 A201 General Conditions of the Contract for Construction," *Breaking Ground* magazine of the Master Builders Association of Western PA (Jan. 2008)
- Author, "Pennsylvania's Guaranteed Energy Savings Act," *Pittsburgh Legal Journal*, Vol. 122, No. 135 (Performance Contracting) (July 17, 1996)
- Author, "Recent Caselaw Affirms the Eichleay Formula for Calculating Unabsorbed Overhead," *Pittsburgh Legal Journal*, Vol. 121, No. 191 (Oct. 6, 1995)
- Author, "Double Breasting in the Construction Industry," *The Construction Lawyer*, Publication of the Forum on the Construction Industry (Jan. 1990)
- Author, "Design Professionals and Their Liability to Third Parties," *Juris* magazine (Winter 1989)
- Author, "Double Breasting: Survival in the Construction Industry," *Juris* magazine (Spring 1988)
- Various articles published in *Juris* magazine of Duquesne Law School on Construction Law Topics from 1984 to 1988
- Various blogs and articles available on [LinkedIn](#).

### Community

- Spina Bifida Housing, Board of Directors, President
- Spina Bifida Association of Western PA, Board of Directors, Member
- Associated Builders and Contractors, Pittsburgh Chapter
  - Apprenticeship Training Committee, Trustee
- Member, Italian Sons and Daughters of America (ISDA)
- Master Builders Association of Western PA