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Joseph Richardson concentrates on labor law, advising union clients on strategy and counseling them on collective bargaining matters.

Before joining the firm, Joe spent seven years as a field attorney with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in San Francisco and Philadelphia. As an NLRB attorney, he investigated unfair labor practice charges and represented the Board in administrative hearings and injunction proceedings in U.S. District Court. He also represented his co-workers as an NLRB Union local president and served as a pro bono arbitrator for denials of service at homeless shelters in San Francisco.

Prior to attending law school, Joe proudly served five years in the Marine Corps, where he learned Arabic and was selected for an elite Marine reconnaissance unit. He participated in the Iraq invasion in 2003 and deployed to Afghanistan as a civilian in 2004 and 2007.

WHAT INSPIRES ME ABOUT MY WORK

“For most people, the single most important economic factor in their life is their job. I am inspired by the clients I work with who are out there every day striving to improve the lives of working people.”

AWAY FROM WORK

“I am an avid, if aspirational, cyclist. All my waking hours away from work are spent with my wife and two young sons.”

Practice Areas

- Grievance and Interest Arbitration
- Union Officer Training and Education



- Union Rights – NLRB and PLRB Proceedings
- Collective Bargaining and Negotiations
- Labor Law – Unions

Education

- American University, Washington College of Law (, 2011)
 - Editor, Administrative Law Review, American University Washington College of Law
 - Member, Order of the Coif, American University Washington College of Law
- St. John's College, Annapolis (B.A. , 1999)

Honors and Awards

- Received the Mussey Prize and the Wallace L. Duncan Award for Outstanding Scholarship in the Field of Administrative Law, American University Washington College of Law
- Received the Thomas O. Sargentich Award for Administrative Law Review Outstanding Junior Staff, American University Washington College of Law
- Selected to the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers – Rising Star list, Super Lawyers (Thomson Reuters), 2020