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Joe founded the Joseph Saveri Law Firm in 2012. He possesses over 25 years of experience in antitrust and other complex civil and class action litigation as well as knowledge of a broad range of industries including banking and financial services, hardware, software, consumer electronics, labor, manufacturing inputs, agricultural products, and pharmaceuticals. Joe assists entrepreneurs, corporate executives, public officials, business owners, and their counsel who were harmed by anti-competitive conduct to determine whether and how to pursue litigation to achieve their goals.

Since its founding, the Joseph Saveri Law Firm has established a track record of success. To date, the firm has obtained successful resolutions for its clients in excess of 700 million dollars. The firm has served as Lead Counsel in the *In re Capacitor Antitrust Litigation*, *In re Titanium Dioxide Antitrust Litigation*, *California Cipro Cases* and *In re High Tech Employee Antitrust Litigation*.

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Stephen Shapiro specializes in commercial litigation, representing policyholders, construction professionals, developers, financial institutions, and private and public business enterprises. His broad-based construction practice includes defect and contract claims arising from new construction of infrastructure and improvements.

A significant portion of Mr. Shapiro's practice involves the pursuit and recovery of insurance benefits for policyholders; he has secured many millions of dollars in insurance benefits to resolve third party and first party coverage claims.

Mr. Shapiro litigates cases at the trial and appellate levels in both state and federal courts. His litigation practice includes bench and jury trials, administrative proceedings, appellate advocacy, and arbitration and other forms of alternative dispute resolution.

Mr. Shapiro succeeded in expanding the rights of policyholders in insurance bad faith litigation in Colorado, when he convinced the Colorado Supreme Court to interpret the Colorado Consumer Protection Act to apply to the insurance industry and to bad faith claim-handling practices.

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A versatile, highly experienced, complex case trial lawyer, John O'Connor has for over 25 years devoted a significant portion of his practice to attorneys and attorney fee disputes, both as an expert witness and as a litigator. From years of evaluating, assessing, and litigating fees, O'Connor brings a depth of expertise and context as an expert witness that only an experienced litigator can offer in fee disputes.

O'Connor has tried a wide variety of cases in federal, state and arbitration courts throughout the country, including not only professional liability, attorney fee, and law firm buy-out cases, but also patent, anti-trust, civil RICO, ADA/disability discrimination, civil rights, employment, insurance coverage and bad faith, construction, product liability, toxic tort, defamation, fraud and contract, real estate, white collar criminal, and sports management, among others. This experience allows him to distinguish between efficiency and inefficiency in litigation management.

He has frequently associated with other firms to provide trial and deposition assistance, either on behalf of a separate co-party or as co-counsel, and often serves as local counsel. O'Connor and Associates prides itself on being cooperative, responsive, and efficient.



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John Petrullo is a Los Angeles based corporate trial lawyer who for the past 20 years has been providing clients trusted legal advocacy across a broad spectrum of business and corporate *high stakes* litigation needs.

John has successfully defended local and national businesses, including Fortune 250 industrial and services corporations, entrepreneurial companies, as well as other private and public entities in actions ranging from antitrust violations, commercial disputes, consumer-based actions, corporate fraud, environmental health, FICRA, freight & transport, healthcare fraud & abuse, officer & director liability, nursing home liability, product liability, unfair competition & business practices, wrongful termination (the "whistleblower") and class actions.

He has tried 9 bench trials and 89 jury trials to verdict throughout the state of California as well as in Boston, Baltimore, Madison, New York City, Philadelphia and Seattle.

In and out of the courtroom, John is widely recognized by his peers for his professionalism, providing a voice for his clients . . . and winning. He has held an AV peer review rating since 1999 and is a longstanding member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), the Association of Business Trial Lawyers (ABTL), the Defense Research Institute (Trial Lawyers' Division), and the ABA (Corporate and Trial sections).

In addition John sets aside a substantial portion of his time serving as pro bono counsel for Bet Tzedek Legal Services and Catholic Charities.

"My passion is seeing my clients walk out of a courtroom on their terms with their head held high, their reputation intact, and knowing that we did the right thing."



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Mr. Richard "Rick" Barry is managing partner of Barry, Thaggard, May & Bailey, LLP. He has been licensed to practice law since 1979 and has been admitted to practice before all courts in the State of Mississippi, including the United States federal districts courts for the Northern and Southern District Courts, as well as the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Mr. Barry was inducted as a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) and has earned an AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell, showing the highest ethical commitment and legal knowledge.

Mr. Barry is an active member of the Mississippi Bar, having served as the President of the Young Lawyers Section from 1986-1987, and recently elected as President of the Mississippi Bar. In addition, he served as Chair of the Healthcare Section of the Mississippi Bar.

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John Refermat is an AV Peer Review Rated trial lawyer whose experience includes complex civil and commercial litigation, real property tax certiorari/condemnation/eminent domain, zoning and municipal/land use litigation, environmental matters, securities arbitration, construction litigation and a variety of employment matters. Also an experienced appellate advocate, John has successfully prepared and argued appeals before various departments of the New York State Appellate Division and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

John's commercial litigation practice includes a wide variety of shareholder/partner/limited liability entity disputes, contested dissolutions, trademark, licensing, unfair competition, defamation and other business torts, warranty and Uniform Commercial Code issues, and restrictive covenants/non-compete/solicitation agreements; he also has experience with international trade/commerce. John has an expansive practice representing property owners, school districts and municipalities in a wide range of real property assessment matters, including energy generation and emissions credits, and issues involving tax exemptions and unique properties.

John brings to every case uniquely creative and strategic approaches that he has developed over twenty years of practice.



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