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Practice Areas: Transportation | General Litigation | Business & Employment

Joe Santoro joined Gallagher Sharp as an Associate in 1997 and was named Partner in 2004. He represents businesses, insurance companies and individuals in a wide variety of civil litigation. He represents railroad companies in cases concerning personal injury, wrongful death, occupational injury, the FRSA, federal preemption matters, property damage, eminent domain, and condemnation issues. Joe's experience also includes representing clients in pre-suit contract matters as well as commercial litigation relating to breach of contract and real estate matters.

### Bar Admissions

- 1997, Ohio
- 2007, Michigan
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

### Organizations

- National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel (NARTC)
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
- Ohio State Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan

### Education

- **University of Toledo College of Law** (J.D., cum laude, 1997)
- The Order of the Coif
- **John Carroll University** (B.S. 1994)

### Community

- President, Avon Lions Club
- Spanish American Committee Board of Trustees and Executive Board Member

### Honors

- 2023 Cleveland Lawyer of the Year Railroad Law, Best Lawyers in America®
- Listed, Best Lawyers in America®, Railroad Law, 2022-2026 Editions