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Partner Joe Santoro 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, property disputes, 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, property preservation, and real estate matters.

Practice Areas

- Transportation
- General Litigation
- Business & Employment

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

Education

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

Professional Associations

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

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Honors & Recognition

- 2023 Cleveland Railroad Law Lawyer of the Year, *Best Lawyers in America*®
- Listed, *Best Lawyers in America*®, Railroad Law, 2022-2024 Editions
- Ohio Super Lawyers, 2005 Rising Star

Board Memberships

- President, Avon Lions Club
- Spanish American Committee Board of Trustees and Executive Board Member
- Stonebridge Creek Homeowners' Association Board President

Publications & Presentations

- "Practicalities of E-Discovery," Gallagher Sharp Annual Spring Seminar, June 2008
- "Ohio Law Update," Gallagher Sharp Annual Spring Seminar, June 2005

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