

## JOSEPH ACQUAVIVA

SPECIAL COUNSEL



### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Insurance Services – Coverage & Bad Faith  
Litigation  
Property Litigation

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### ADMISSIONS

New Jersey  
2006

Pennsylvania  
2006

U.S. District Court District of New  
Jersey  
2007

U.S. District Court Eastern District  
of Pennsylvania  
2007

U.S. District Court Middle District  
of Pennsylvania  
2011

U.S. Court of Appeals 3rd Circuit  
2012

### OVERVIEW

Joe is a member of the Professional Liability Department. With over 15 years of experience handling litigation matters, Joe has focused his practice on defending insurance companies in lawsuits involving first-party property breach of contract, bad faith and a variety of other extra-contractual claims throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey state and federal courts. His extensive experience handling all types of first-party property claims arising under personal and business insurance policies ranges from losses arising from storms, plumbing leaks, theft, vandalism, and fire to claims involving loss of use (ALE), code upgrade, collapse and business interruption coverages.

Outside of litigation, Joe provides legal counseling and support to insurers throughout the claim handling process, which includes taking examinations under oath, providing coverage opinions and assisting in the investigation of suspected fraudulent claims. He has been at the forefront of providing guidance to insurers on navigating the potential pitfalls arising from the trending use of appraisal by insureds (and their public adjusters).

Joe was born and raised in Philadelphia and received his *juris doctor* from Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law. While in law school, he interned with the Honorable Allan Tereshko of the Philadelphia County Civil Trial Division.

### EDUCATION

Temple University James E.  
Beasley School of Law (J.D.,  
2006)

Temple University (B.A., magna  
cum laude, 2003)

### HONORS & AWARDS

Pennsylvania Super Lawyer Rising  
Star  
2015-2016

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

### **Creative Noninsureds Seek New Ways to Recover Benefits: How One Court Addressed This Trend**

Philadelphia - Headquarters  
Insurance Services – Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation  
August 23, 2023

### **Assignment of Benefits Contractor Precluded from Recovery Pursuant to Mortgagee Clause**

Philadelphia - Headquarters  
Property Litigation  
Insurance Services – Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation  
June 1, 2023  
Key Points: Defense Digest, Vol. 29, No.

### **Joseph Acquaviva Joins Marshall Dennehey as Special Counsel In the Philadelphia Office**

Insurance Services – Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation  
August 4, 2022  
Joseph Acquaviva has joined Marshall Dennehey's Philadelphia office as Special Counsel in the firm's Professional Liability Department.  
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#### **PUBLISHED WORKS**

"Creative Non-Insureds Seek New Ways to Recover Benefits: How One Court Addressed This Trend," *The Legal Intelligencer's* Insurance Law Supplement, August 24, 2023.

"Assignment of Benefits Contractor Precluded from Recovery Pursuant to Mortgagee Clause," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 29, No. 2, June 2023