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Joseph E. Clark is a senior counsel in the Labor & Employment Law Department and a member of the Compensation & Benefits Group where he focuses on complex employee benefits litigation.

Joe represents a diverse range of clients from the time a claim is asserted through trial or arbitration, whether it is defending plan fiduciaries against class action claims of fiduciary breach or prohibited transactions or in connection with government investigations, or defending employers against multiemployer pension plan claims for withdrawal liability. These clients include financial service providers, investment managers, Fortune 500 corporations, and benefit plan committees.

Outside of the context of litigation, Joe also advises fiduciary clients regarding their fiduciary responsibilities and employers regarding various withdrawal liability issues.

Co-editor and a frequent contributor to Proskauer's Compensation & Benefits blog, Joe has authored pieces on employee stock ownership plans, excessive fee claims, fiduciary breach, investigation and determination of benefits claims, and best practices for plan drafting. He has also published several articles regarding these issues in *BNA Insights*.

Practices

ERISA Litigation

Education

University of Southern California Law School, J.D.

Duke University, B.A.

Admissions & Qualifications

California

New York

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court, California, Central District

U.S. District Court, California, Eastern District

U.S. District Court, California, Northern District

U.S. District Court, California, Southern District

U.S. District Court, New York, Southern District

U.S. District Court, New York, Eastern District

U.S. District Court, New York, Western District

Awards & Recognition

Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch 2021-2025

The Legal 500 United States: Labor & Employment: ERISA Litigation 2023-2026, (Leading Lawyer 2025), (Leading Partner 2026)