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Cyber/Data/Privacy
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Josef (Joey) offers his clients a comprehensive background in cyber/data/privacy litigation, with a focus on information technology, privacy, international trade and business litigation. He has extensive experience representing clients in government investigations and in state and federal court. Joey also has a passion for pro bono work, with a focus on impactful litigation for persons with disabilities.

Joey's representative experience includes:

- Successfully defending a large technology company in multiple data privacy class actions
- Obtaining a complete stipulated dismissal of a putative class action for a technology company
- Obtaining a settlement for a technology company with no fine and no admission of wrongdoing
- Obtaining a complete dismissal of a putative class action on behalf of an automotive company
- Arguing and obtaining reversal on behalf of a manufacturer at the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Before joining Cooley, Joey practiced as an of counsel in Washington, DC, for a large litigation firm.

Joey has published and spoken on dozens of topics related to privacy, technology, international matters and beyond – including authoring a book. He is bilingual in English and German.

Joey's select publications include:

- Author, "Identify and Sort: How Digital Power Changed World Politics," London: Hurst; New York: Oxford University Press, 2016
- Co-author, "Military Manuals" in "Making Things International 2," Mark B. Salter (ed.), University of Minnesota Press, 2016
- Co-author, "Utile Forms: Power and Knowledge in Small War," Review of International Studies, May 2014
- Author, "The Sovereign's Data: Ritual, Archival, Digital," Current Intelligence, October 2013

Joey's select speaking engagements include:

- Lecturer, "An Overview of the US Privacy Litigation Landscape," 11th Annual BCLT Privacy Law Forum, March 2023
- Panelist, "From Legal Versus Engineering to Legal With Engineering – How To Work Together to Truly Embed Privacy by Design Into Your Organization," Privacy + Security Forum Conference, November

2022

- Panelist, "The Antitrust-Privacy Collision," Privacy + Security Forum Conference, November 2022
- Panelist, "Data Privacy in Product Design," Privacy + Security Forum Conference, November 2022
- Lecturer, "Comprehensive Accountability Regimes," Accountability and Prevention of Human Rights Violations, March 2015
- Lecturer, "Comprehensive Accountability Regimes," 6th US AFRICOM Academic Symposium, June 2014
- Panelist, "What Time Is It in 'Auxiliary Space'?" International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 2014
- Panelist, "Building Peace in the Postcolony: Challenges to an Emerging Paradigm," International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 2014
- Lecturer, "Identify & Sort: State Policies and Practices," Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, November 2013
- Lecturer, "SSR and DDR Programs in Peacekeeping Operations," The George Washington University, October 2012
- Panelist, "EU Security Policy in the Mediterranean Region," Belgrade Security Forum, September 2013
- Speaker, "Ships of State: Technology, International Relations, and Identity Dominance," IISS-SAIS Merrill Center Young Strategists Programme, August 2013
- Lecturer, "Digital Power in World Politics," Universidad del Rosario, July 2013
- Lecturer, Weeklong course on international security, University College ISPE, March 2013

Education

Yale Law School
JD, 2014

University of Cambridge
PhD, Politics and International Studies, 2012

University of Cambridge
MPhil, International Relations, 2005

University of Aberystwyth
BSc, Economics and International Relations, 2004

Admissions & Credentials

District of Columbia

New York

Court Admissions

US District Court for the Eastern District of New York

US District Court for the Southern District of New York

US District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

US Court of International Trade

Memberships & Affiliations

East Coast Advisory Board of Disability Rights Advocates (DRA), Board member