

Joe Stanganelli

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Of Counsel

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Education

- Harvard Law School, *Cum Laude*, JD
- Boston College, *Summa Cum Laude*, BA

Practices & Industries

- Commercial Litigation & Complex Trials

Admitted to Practice

- New York
- Massachusetts
- California

Court Admissions

- US District Court for the Central District of California
- US District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Biography

Drawing on more than 34 years of trial practice, Joe now serves as of counsel, advising clients and members of the firm on risk assessment and avoidance, case evaluation and strategy, alternative dispute resolution, and AI integration. As an active member of the firm's AI Committee, Joe contributes his experience to the firm's approach to effective and responsible AI use.

Over the course of his career—including 17 years as a Barclay Damon partner—Joe represented clients in federal and state courts in sophisticated, high-stakes cases across the country. His trial practice included intellectual property and trade secret litigation, unfair competition suits, technology license and software development disputes, and private-company shareholder disputes.

Previously, Joe was co-chair of the firm's Commercial Litigation & Complex Trials Practice Area, applying his experience and trial-level perspective to strengthen the group's strategic approach to complex disputes and to the training and mentoring of associates.

As a co-founder of Barclay Damon's Boston office, Joe played an integral role in establishing the firm's presence in the New England market and allowing the firm to provide additional services to new and existing clients.

Bar Associations

- American Bar Association
- Boston Bar Association

Representative Experience

- Represented former directors of a Delaware LLC in a breach of fiduciary duty suit concerning the sale of the LLC's assets.
- Represented a global supplier of laser and photonics solutions for precision manufacturing in trade secret and competition disputes.
- Represented a major medical device manufacturer and its key clinical employee, defending against competition claims.
- Represented a leading life sciences company in a dispute with a competitor and university licensor to establish exclusivity of a patent license.
- Represented the owner of multiple news websites in a copyright and trademark infringement action against a prominent media organization.
- Represented an inventor of computer antivirus technology in trade secret and breach of license claims against a leading antivirus software manufacturer.
- On a pro bono basis, represented a Vietnam War veteran in obtaining a military discharge upgrade based on a PTSD diagnosis, which was not a recognized diagnosis at the time of his discharge during the war.

Prior Experience

- Barclay Damon LLP, Partner
- Hiscock & Barclay, LLP, Partner
- Scibelli, Whiteley, and Stanganelli, LLP, Partner
- Hale and Dorr, LLP (now WilmerHale), Junior Partner
- Middlesex County, Special Assistant District Attorney
- Latham & Watkins LLP, Associate

Selected Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Commercial Litigation, 2021–2027
- *Legal 500*, Boston Elite, Commercial Disputes, 2025–2026
- Past selections to *Super Lawyers* Massachusetts: Business Litigation and Top Attorneys in New England

Selected Media

- American Bar Association *Intellectual Property Litigation*, “Federal Circuit Claim Construction After Teva”

Selected Alerts & Blog Posts

- Massachusetts High Court Ruling Raises Standard of Care, Stakes for Broker-Dealers

- US Supreme Court Expands Corporations' Risk of Being Sued in a Foreign State
- Website Accessibility Lawsuits: US Supreme Court Agrees to Hear ADA Standing Case
- Federal Circuit Claim Construction After Teva