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Practice Groups

- Litigation

Education

- J.D., The Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law, 2017 – *summa cum laude*
- B.A., English, Saint Vincent College, 2014 – *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

Joseph A. Carroll is an Associate in Meyer, Unkovic & Scott's Litigation & Dispute Resolution Group. Joe focuses his practice on commercial disputes in both state and federal court.

Joe received his J.D. from the Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law in May 2017. He served as the Managing Editor for the Penn State Law Review, as well as a research assistant for multiple professors. Joe graduated second in his class and earned a number of awards, including CALI Excellence for the Future Awards for the highest grade in fourteen of his classes and the ALI CLE Scholarship & Leadership Award.

During law school, Joe worked as a summer intern at a small general practice law firm in Somerset, Pennsylvania and at the Somerset County Public Defender's Office. He also served as a summer law clerk for President Judge D. Gregory Geary and Judge Scott Bittner of the Somerset County Court of Common Pleas. Following law school, Joe served as a federal law clerk for Judge Kim R. Gibson of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Court Admissions

- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Awards/Honors

- Penn State Dickinson School of Law
 - Ranked second in his graduating law school class of one hundred and sixty-nine.
 - Penn State Law Review, Managing Editor
 - CALI Excellence for the Future Award for the highest grades in:
 - Elements of Law;
 - Property;
 - Legal Analysis, Research and Writing II;
 - Evidence;
 - Elder Law;
 - Family Law;
 - Federal Court Practice;
 - Pennsylvania Practice;
 - Electronic Evidence;
 - Agency, Partnerships, and Limited Liability Entities;
 - State and Local Government Law;
 - Law Practice Management; and
 - Remedies.
 - ALI CLE Scholarship & Leadership Award
 - Student graduation speaker (elected by graduating class)

- First Place Winner of the American Bar Association's 2017 Schwab Essay Contest for his essay *Family Law Is Not "Civil": The Faulty Foundation of the Domestic Relations Exception To Federal Jurisdiction*.
- Woolsack Honor Society (for students in top fifteen percent of their class)
- Saint Vincent College
 - Maria Leonard Book Award for the Highest GPA of the Graduating Class
 - English Department Award
 - Saint Vincent Law Scholar
 - Wimmer Scholar (Saint Vincent College's highest undergraduate academic scholarship)
 - Publication of literary criticism essay on Henry James in *The Sigma Tau Delta Review International Journal of Critical Writing* (Volume 12, 2015).

Professional Involvement

- American Bar Association, Member
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member
- Allegheny County Bar Association, Member
 - Civil Litigation Section, Member
 - Construction Law Section, Member
 - Federal Court Section, Member
 - Young Lawyers Division, Member
- Somerset County Bar Association, Member
- Prime Stage Theatre, Board Member
- Landlord Tenant Project and Landlord Tenant Pro Se Assistance Project, Volunteer
- Pro bono representation of low-income tenants for appeals of housing determinations

Articles

- Joseph A. Carroll, *Family Law Is Not "Civil": The Faulty Foundation of the Domestic Relations Exception to Federal Jurisdiction*, 52 A.B.A. Fam. L. Q. 125 (2019).

Additional Information

Joe grew up in Somerset, Pennsylvania, where he attended Somerset Area Senior High School. He now resides in the Greenfield neighborhood of Pittsburgh. Joe is an avid musician, having played the piano for two small churches in Somerset County for five-and-half years and playing the trombone in a variety of music groups. He enjoys following Pittsburgh sports and playing and watching tennis.
