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Joseph C. Chancey is the managing partner for all offices of the Firm. In this role, he is responsible for guiding and implementing the strategic vision of the partnership and managing the firm's C-level executives. Joseph has 36 years of experience serving as counsel for employers and continues to consult on day-to-day employment, business, and compliance issues for his clients.

Joseph focuses in the areas of commercial and employment law. He has effectively defended cases that run the gamut of employment laws, including discrimination and harassment claims, wage and hour claims, and claims under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Family and Medical Leave Act, and Age Discrimination in Employment Act. He also has substantial experience in cases involving non-compete and non-solicitation agreements. He is a frequent and popular speaker on employment law topics. Since 2018, Joseph was selected by his peers for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America® in the field of Litigation – Real Estate in Atlanta.

Presentations

"Employment Law Considerations: ADA, FMLA, Age Discrimination, Union Rights." ADR in the Workers' Compensation Arena. Atlanta, Georgia. January 2016. "Hot Topics in Employment Law." Presentation Georgia Safety, Health, and Environmental Conference, Savannah, Georgia. September 2015.

EDUCATION

Florida State University, College of Law
(JD, with highest honors, 1985)

Mercer University (BA, *cum laude*, 1982)

ADMISSIONS

Bar Admissions

Georgia

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court Northern District
Georgia

U.S. District Court Middle District Georgia

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals Third Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals Eighth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals Eleventh Circuit

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate Law

Commercial Law

Commercial Real Estate Law

Employment Law

MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of Georgia

Atlanta Bar Association, General Practice,
Trial Law and Labor, and Employment Law
Sections

American Bar Association

“Hot Topics in Employment Law.” Presentation for Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce Employment Law Seminar. October 2015.

Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce and
Chairman’s Club

“Dealing with the Disabled Employee: Potential Issues with Discipline and Discharge.” Presentation for HB Next Educational Series, Atlanta, GA. March 2015.

“The Aging Workforce, Employment Law Concerns, And Whether Your Workers’ Compensation General Release Really Resolves All Of Your Employment Law Issues.” Presentation for ICLE’s ADR in the Workers’ Compensation Arena, Webcast. January 2015.

“Growing Pains – Legal Issues That Crop Up for Small and Growing Businesses.” Presentation with Meredith Guerrero and David Smith for the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Section. February 2014. “Employee Handbooks: What is, and isn’t, in your handbook can cost you.” Presentation for Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce Employment Law Seminar. September 2014.

Co-author, Employment Law Desk Manual, 2011, publication for clients of Drew Eckl & Farnham.

“2011 Employment Law Update” and “Navigating the Bermuda Triangle of Workers’ Compensation, The Americans with Disabilities Act and The Family and Medical Leave Act.” Joe Chancey and Dan Kniffen. Presentations to the Georgia Department of Labor, Savannah Georgia. September 2011.

Related Insights

- Joe Chancey and Taylor Poncz Spoke at State Bar of Georgia CLE on Professionalism, Ethics, and Malpractice, December 16, 2022, Events, Publications & Presentations
- Law360 Seeks Comment from Joe Chancey on Why Workplace Proselytizing Can Put Employers In A Bind, September 28, 2022, News, Publications & Presentations
- DEF Attorneys Recognized in 2023 Best Lawyers in America © and Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch ©, August 19, 2022, News

- DEF Attorneys Recognized in 2022 Best Lawyers in America © and Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch ©, August 27, 2021, News, Publications & Presentations
- Drew Eckl & Farnham Featured By Thomson Reuters for the Path2Partnership Program, December 21, 2020, News
- DEF Highlighted in “Silver Linings: Managers See Upsides During the Pandemic”, June 15, 2020, Covid-19 Legal Updates, Journal, News
- Partner Joe Chancey Provides Do’s and Don’ts of Talking Politics in AJC Editorial, October 14, 2019, News, Publications & Presentations
- DEF Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America© 2020, August 22, 2019, Client Alerts
- Managing Partner Joe Chancey Quoted in 2019 Focus: Atlanta Publication, February 25, 2019, News, Publications & Presentations
- DEF Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America© 2019, September 25, 2018, News
- Drew Eckl replaces rotating leader plan, boosts Managing Partner role, February 1, 2018, News
- Introducing a new Partnership Gwinnett Talent Series: Internship 101, February 9, 2017, Events
- Big Changes to Overtime Effective December 1, 2016, December 5, 2016, Client Alerts