



## JOEL W. RICE

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### Service Focus

- Class and Collective Actions
- Employee Defection and Trade Secrets
- Employment Discrimination and Harassment
- Litigation and Trials
- Wage and Hour

### Industry Focus

- Education
- Energy

## OVERVIEW

Joel Rice is a partner in the Chicago office, with nearly 25 years of experience representing employers. Over the course of his career, Joel has handled the defense of hundreds of employment-related matters before federal/state courts and numerous agencies.

Joel has successfully argued multiple appeals in federal and state courts. He has extensive experience representing employers in complex litigation, including collective and class actions under federal and state wage and hour laws.

Joel has also obtained injunctive relief for employers enforcing restrictive covenant agreements in multiple jurisdictions.

In addition, Joel counsels employers on all facets of employment law, including leave issues, harassment claims, and pay practices. Joel has assisted businesses in successfully navigating wage and hour investigations brought by federal and state Departments of Labor (DOL).

Joel was credited as an author on an E-Discovery Chapter in [Workplace Data: Law and Litigation](#). The book provides an overview of legal issues associated with employment-related electronically stored information, focusing on discovery issues in particular.

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## Credentials

### Education

- University of Chicago Law School, J.D., 1983
- Wabash College, B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, 1979

### Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- Ohio

### Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
  - U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
  - U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
  - U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
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## Recognitions

- "AV" Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

### [Award Methodology](#)

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## Affiliations

### Professional Activities

Joel is a member of the Chicago and American Bar Associations (ABA). Joel has authored numerous articles for the Defense Research Institute, ABA publications and for various print and electronic Human Resources publications. He is a Chapter author for the Thomson-Reuters series "Inside the Minds: Strategies for Appellate Litigation." Joel is active in the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, and has given numerous presentations for the Chamber as well as other business groups on a wide range of employment-related issues.

Joel has also given interviews on a variety of employment-related issues for media outlets ranging from the *National Law Journal*, *New York Times Online*, *Chicago Tribune*, *CNN Money*, *Forbes.com*, *Workforce Management*, *Employee Benefits News*, *Human Resources Executive*, *Inside Counsel*, *Human Resources Magazine*, and *SHRM Online*.

## INSIGHTS

### Podcasts

May 31, 2023

Podcast – The Fair Labor Standards Act: Administrative White Collar Exemption

### Event

May 10, 2023

Wage and Hour Wednesday – The Fair Labor Standards Act: Administrative White Collar Exemption

**Insights**

**Mar 3, 2023**

Top Workplace Law Stories You May Have Missed from February 2023

**Insights**

**Feb 17, 2023**

Illinois Supreme Court Opens Door for Massive Damage Awards in Biometric Cases: 5 Things Employers Need to Know

**Event**

**Aug 10, 2022**

Wage and Hour Wednesday – Getting Back to (W&H) Basics

**Insights**

**Sep 7, 2021**

The Top 18 Workplace Law Stories from August 2021