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Biography

Joel Fishbein is Of Counsel with Hall Booth Smith and focuses his practice on aging services, health care, medical malpractice defense, dental, long-term care litigation, appellate matters, arbitration & mediation, employment, and business litigation.

With more than three decades of litigation and risk management experience, Joel represents long-term care providers, assisted living facilities, skilled nursing facilities, hospitals, physicians, and businesses in complex disputes throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey. His practice is concentrated on the defense of medical malpractice and professional liability claims, with a particular emphasis on defending long-term care facilities, post-acute care providers, and health care professionals in high-exposure litigation. Joel routinely handles matters involving allegations of negligence, wrongful death, regulatory compliance, resident care issues, staffing concerns, and claims involving complex medical issues and catastrophic injury.

Drawing on his extensive background in both litigation and operational risk management, Joel provides strategic counsel to

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clients facing high-stakes claims and guides them through every stage of litigation, arbitration, mediation, and trial. He is particularly skilled at developing practical defense strategies that align legal objectives with the operational realities of health care and long-term care providers. Joel also has significant appellate experience, having successfully argued precedent setting matters involving the enforceability of arbitration agreements in assisted living and long-term care settings.

Before joining HBS, Joel served as Senior Vice President and Director of Litigation and Risk at Complete Care Management, where he supervised outside counsel and implemented litigation and risk management strategies designed to reduce claim frequency and severity across a multi-facility long-term care organization. This in-house leadership experience gives him a unique perspective into the legal, regulatory, and operational challenges faced by health care and aging services providers.

Earlier in his career, Joel practiced as a partner at several law firms, where he built an extensive litigation practice defending physicians, hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other health care providers in medical malpractice and long-term care matters. He has tried and arbitrated numerous cases to successful outcomes, including obtaining a multi-million-dollar arbitration award on behalf of a business owner.

He obtained a certification in Mediation by Harvard Law School and earned his J.D. from Temple University's James E. Beasley School of Law, where he served as note and comment editor for the Temple Law Review. He also holds a B.S. in Accounting from Pennsylvania State University.

Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

- Pennsylvania
 - Supreme Court

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- New Jersey
 - Supreme Court
- Colorado

U.S. District Courts:

- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

U.S. Courts of Appeals:

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

Education

- J.D., Temple University
- B.S., Pennsylvania State University

Memberships

- Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Judge Pro Tem Program, 2020 to present
- Temple Inn of Court, 2019 to present and 1990-1995
- Defense Research Institute, 2007 to present
- Cheltenham School District, Board of School Directors, President, 2020, Vice President, 2017-2020

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- Cheltenham Human Relations Commission, Vice Chair
- Congregation Kol Ami Elkins Park, Member, Board of Trustees, 2012 to 2014
- Cheltenham Sports, Board of Directors (2003-2011), Travel soccer coach from 2004 through 2013
- Philadelphia Bar Association, Chair of 10,000 member Young Lawyers Division, 1999

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Member, Professional Guidance Committee, 1989 to 2018

Member, Board of Governors, 2000-2001

Trustee, Philadelphia Bar Foundation

- Pennsylvania Tourette Syndrome Association, Member, Board of Directors, 2007-2008

Recognition

- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™, Martindale-Hubbell
- Best Lawyers in America, 2022
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyer 2006, 2010, 2013, 2014
- Philadelphia Business Journal as a "Forty (Philadelphians to Watch) Under 40"

Presentations

- **Torts 101 for Claims Professionals**
Internal Client Webinar, December 2021
- **Building Blocks for a Comprehensive Risk Management Program in Assisted Living**
DRI Nursing Home and Assisted Living Litigation Conference, New Orleans, LA, September 2018
- **Putting Your Neutral Foot Forward: Arbitration in Healthcare**
DRI Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 2016
- **PSO, What LTC Providers Need to Know**
Long Term Care Risk Legal Forum, Las Vegas, 2016

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- **PSO, What LTC Providers Need to Know**
American Health Care Association Meeting, San Antonio, TX, 2015
- **Arbitration Drafting**
ACI Nursing Home Litigation Meeting, Miami, FL, 2015
- **Federal Actions to Compel Arbitration**
DRI Nursing Home and Assisted Living Litigation Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ, 2014

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Publications

- **Nursing Home/Alf Cases: Federal Actions to Compel Arbitration**
DRI, For the Defense, November 2014
- **Not Inherently Unfair, Arbitration in the Long-Term Care Setting**
DRI, For the Defense, 54 No. 8, August 2012
- **Products Liability Industry Custom Evidence: Its Relevance in Design Defect Products Liability Cases- Lewis v. Coffing Hoist Division, Duff-Norton Co.61 Temp. L. Rev. 627**

In the Press

[American Lawyer Article Highlights Hall Booth Smith Philadelphia Office](#)

June 23, 2026

The American Lawyer recently featured Hall Booth Smith's new Philadelphia office, highlighting the firm's continued expansion in the Northeast and its plans to build a significant presence in

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[Hall Booth Smith Bolsters National Aging Services, Acute Care Litigation Team with Joel Fishbein as Of Counsel](#)

September 22, 2025

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is excited to welcome Joel I. Fishbein as of counsel in the Aging Services Practice.

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