

## **Joseph G. Walsh**

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Joe is the Chair of the firm's Personal Injury Group. Since entering private practice more than thirty years ago, Joe has tried and settled several wrongful death cases, along with cases dealing with all types of injuries. He understands the importance of respecting the dignity and desires of his clients at all times.

Prior to joining Cohen and Wolf, Joe was an Assistant District Attorney in Suffolk County, New York, as a member of the county's Narcotics Bureau. He was Suffolk County's first attorney-in-charge of the East End Narcotics Task Force, a compilation of federal, state, county and town law enforcement officers investigating drug trafficking in the east end of Long Island. He tried more than 30 cases to verdict as a prosecutor.

One of Joe's passions is coaching youth sports. He coached his 3 sons in baseball and basketball through their high school years. He still coaches in the Ridgefield Little League and the Ridgefield Basketball Association. As a member of the Ridgefield Community Coalition Against Substance Abuse since the group's inception in 2004, Joe is involved in helping young people try to stay clear of drugs and other risky behaviors.

Joe has been selected as a Connecticut Super Lawyer for his work in the area of Plaintiff's Personal Injury. He has also been recognized for his work in Plaintiff's Personal Injury Litigation in Best Lawyers in America, and is a member of the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

### **PRACTICE AREAS**

Personal Injury

Criminal Defense

Litigation & Dispute Resolution



## EDUCATION

Boston College Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 1983

Manhattan College, B.S., *summa cum laude*, 1980

## ADMISSIONS

Connecticut

Massachusetts

New York

U.S. District Court District of Connecticut

U.S. District Court Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York

U.S. Supreme Court

## HONORS & AWARDS

Best Lawyers in America<sup>®</sup>, Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiff, 2015-2022

Connecticut Super Lawyers<sup>®</sup>, Personal Injury General-Plaintiff, 2009-2014, 2017-2020

Multi-Million Dollar Advocate

## NEWS

Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named in *Best Lawyers*<sup>®</sup> 2022 Edition  
08.19.2021

Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Attorneys Named to 2020 Connecticut Super Lawyers<sup>®</sup> and Rising Stars List  
10.14.2020

Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Attorneys Named in *Best Lawyers*<sup>®</sup> 2021 Edition  
08.20.2020

Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named to 2019 CT Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List  
*Super Lawyers*®, 10.17.2019

Twenty Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Attorneys Named to the 2020 Best Lawyers® List  
*Best Lawyers*®, 08.15.2019

Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named to 2018 Connecticut Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List  
*Super Lawyers*®, 10.18.2018

Nineteen Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Lawyers Recognized in The Best Lawyers In America© 2019  
*Best Lawyers*®, 08.15.2018

Volunteer Day With Habitat for Humanity  
06.12.2018

Twenty-Three Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Attorneys Named to 2017 Connecticut Super Lawyers  
10.17.2017

Nineteen Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named Among "*The Best Lawyers in America*"© 2018  
*The Best Lawyers in America*®, 08.15.2017

Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Attorneys Named Among The Best Lawyers in America© 2017  
*The Best Lawyers in America*© 2017, 08.15.2016

Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named Among "Best Lawyers in America" for 2016  
*Best Lawyers*®, 08.17.2015

Cohen and Wolf Lawyers Recognized in Benchmark Litigation 2015  
*Benchmark Litigation*, 11.05.2014

Twenty-Nine Cohen and Wolf Lawyers Named to 2014 List of Connecticut Super Lawyers and Rising Stars  
*Super Lawyers*®, 10.17.2014

Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named Among "*The Best Lawyers in America*" for 2015  
*The Best Lawyers in America*®, 08.18.2014

27 Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named 2013 Connecticut Super Lawyers & Rising Stars  
*Connecticut Super Lawyers*, 10.21.2013

Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named to 2012 Connecticut Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List  
*Connecticut Super Lawyers*, 11.05.2012

Cohen and Wolf Sponsor of Chris Manno Baseball Classic  
06.03.2012

Walsh Recognized As Top 100 Trial Lawyer in Connecticut  
03.26.2012

Cohen and Wolf Widely Recognized in Benchmark Litigation Publications  
*Benchmark*, 11.21.2011

Cohen and Wolf Super Lawyers Announced  
10.24.2011

Cohen and Wolf Attorney Joseph G. Walsh Named to Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum  
05.18.2011

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Connecticut Bar Association

Danbury Bar Association, Past President

Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, Board of Governors

Judicial District of Danbury Trial Referee and Factfinder

Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association

American Association for Justice

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Ridgefield Community Coalition Against Substance Abuse, 2004-present

Dorothy Day Hospitality House Soup Kitchen volunteer, 1995- present

Ridgefield Little League, Manager, past President & Board of Directors, Coach, 1995-present

Ridgefield Basketball Association, head coach, 1989-present

Sunrise Cottage, Board of Directors, 2012-2019

Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce, past Board of Directors

Ridgefield Babe Ruth Baseball, manager, 2003-2014

St. Mary's CYO Basketball, head coach, 2002-2011

## CASE HIGHLIGHTS

*Disclaimer: Each case is unique and prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.*

- Successfully represented the estate of a young woman who was killed in a one-car motor vehicle collision when the young man driving the car went out of control and crashed. We assisted the family throughout both the criminal and civil process.
- Successfully represented a man who suffered very serious injuries when he fell from a stairway in a local mall. Although the mall denied liability, we proved that the railings on the stairs did not conform to code, and that our client would not have suffered these injuries otherwise, which enabled him to receive the compensation he needed and deserved.
- Successfully represented the estate of a young man who drowned while at a state park in Connecticut. The claim was brought against the state. We requested and won approval of a special legislative act from the state legislature to allow such an action to proceed.
- Successfully represented the estates of a couple from Connecticut killed in a motor vehicle collision in Florida. On behalf of their estates, which the firm established in Connecticut, we pursued both liability claims in Florida and claims for underinsured motorist coverage in CT, pursuant to an automobile insurance policy issued in Connecticut.
- Successfully represented the estate of a woman killed in a motor vehicle collision in New York, in which her sister was very seriously injured. On behalf of both clients, we pursued both a liability action in New York and claims for underinsured motorist coverage in CT, pursuant to an automobile insurance policy issued in Connecticut.
- Successfully represented many individuals, including children, bitten by dogs in separate incidents over the last few years. In some of these cases, the dog was unknown to our client; in other cases, the dog belonged to a neighbor or a relative. Most of these cases were settled prior to trial, while one case was the result of a successful jury verdict for our client.

- Successfully represented a laborer from New Jersey who, while working on the framing of a new hotel in Connecticut, slipped and fell on compacted ice and snow. Our client suffered significant injuries, required multiple surgeries. Through litigation followed by mediation, we were able to obtain compensation for our client for all his injuries.
- Successfully represented a young woman who was seriously injured as a rear-seat passenger in a one-car motor vehicle collision when a young man drove off the road and hit a tree. We defended a series of arguments through litigation; and eventually, with the assistance of mediation, were able to obtain a very favorable result for our client.
- Successfully represented Client who was passenger in terrible one-car motor vehicle collision in NY, and suffered traumatic brain injury. As part of the resolution of this case, we convinced driver's parents' homeowners' insurance company that it was liable to contribute to the compensation to our client, along with the automobile insurance company.
- Successfully represented Client who suffered injury to her neck as result of massage at spa in CT. Client required surgery, and missed several months at work. Spa originally contested case and denied liability.
- Successfully represented Client seriously injured in one-car motor vehicle collision caused by drunk driver. We were able to collect compensation for our Client against the driver of the car, as well as the restaurant where the driver became intoxicated. The restaurant contested liability and responsibility throughout, but we were able to prove the restaurant and its bartender were responsible.