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Joel Michel concentrates his practice on complex commercial, employment, and tort litigation matters in federal and state courts and before administrative agencies. He represents clients in litigation disputes arising from Title VII discrimination claims, various tort claims, and real estate disputes.

He is also experienced in counseling clients on changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act and the national “Ban the Box” movement.

Joel served as a law clerk to the Honorable Petrese B. Tucker of the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He has also served as a judicial intern for the Honorable Lynne A. Sitarski and the Honorable C. Darnell Jones II of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and a certified legal intern for the Defenders’ Association of Philadelphia.

Joel has been honored by the American Inns of Court as one of its two 2019 Pegasus Scholars. During law school, Joel earned many distinguished honors and scholarships, and served as a member of the National Trial Team, staff member of the *Temple International & Comparative Law Journal*, and vice president of the Black Law Students Association.

Outside The Firm

Joel enjoys studying theology, creating music, listening to live jazz, and playing basketball.

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey
- U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Memberships

- Philadelphia Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association

Education

- Temple University Beasley School of Law, JD, cum laude
- Haverford College, BA, with honors

Recognitions

- 2020, “Lawyer on the Fast Track,” by *The Legal Intelligencer*

Professional Activities

Joel sits on the board of the directors of the First Haitian Church of God of Philadelphia. He is also an executive committee member of the Temple American Inn of Court and the Temple Law Alumni Association.

Joel has volunteered as a mock trial coach at the Philadelphia High School for Performing Arts, facilitator at the Philadelphia Youth Art & Self-Empowerment Project, and youth leader at the First Haitian Church of God in Philadelphia.