

**JOSEPH G. PETROSINELLI, PARTNER**

Joe Petrosinelli has an active civil and criminal litigation practice. He has tried numerous cases in federal and state courts. In 2003, he was selected by *The American Lawyer* as one of the "top 45 under 45", a group of the highest performing members of the private bar under the age of 45. Mr. Petrosinelli is a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

Mr. Petrosinelli's civil practice focuses on products liability and mass tort/class action litigation, in which he has represented manufacturers of various chemicals, pharmaceuticals, equipment, and other products in cases across the country and internationally. He has also litigated a wide variety of other types of civil matters, including antitrust, securities, professional liability, and other cases. Mr. Petrosinelli is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center, where he teaches trial practice.

Mr. Petrosinelli has extensive experience in criminal litigation of all types, including federal grand jury practice and trial and appellate work in federal and state courts. He has represented both individuals and large corporations in matters involving allegations of mail and wire fraud, money laundering, false claims, false statements, and antitrust violations, among other things. He and two of his partners successfully represented the petitioner before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Cleveland v. United States*, 531 U.S. 12 (2000), a leading case on the interpretation of the federal mail and wire fraud statutes.

Mr. Petrosinelli has also been involved in the firm's sports law practice. He is a certified agent of the National Basketball Players Association, and has represented athletes, professional clubs, and club executives in litigation and contract matters.

**PUBLICATIONS**

- *The Admissibility of DNA Typing: A New Methodology*, 79 Geo. L.J. 313 (1990)
- *Litigation in Foreign Countries Against U.S. Companies*, in *Product Liability Litigation: Current Law, Strategies and Best Practices*, ch. 8 (Practicing Law Inst. 2009)



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**PRACTICE AREAS**

- Arbitration
- Criminal Defense
- General Civil Litigation
- Plaintiffs' Litigation
- Product Liability, Torts, and Medicine
- Securities and Financial Services Litigation
- Sports

**EDUCATION AND HONORS**

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1991; Order of the Coif; Associate Editor, *Georgetown Law Journal*
- Brown University, A.B., 1988

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

- District of Columbia and Maryland
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Courts of Appeals for the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Eighth Circuits
- United States District Courts for the District of Columbia, District of Maryland and Northern District of New York