

Joseph R. Williams

Partner

“Every client comes with a unique set of circumstances and goals. We’re getting into a car together. Although I have been to the destination before and can say when to speed up, slow down or take a short cut, the client is still in the driver’s seat.”



Partner Joseph R. Williams is a tenacious litigator highly admired for his legal fortitude while celebrated by his peers for consistent advocacy and effective leadership.

Dynamic Force

A natural-born leader and distinctive, energetic force on the Pittsburgh legal scene, Joe is respected as a proven litigator and driving industry influencer. Also certified in collaborative law, he adopts a conciliatory approach as necessary, resolving matters out of court for clients.

He understands the challenges arising with each unique client situation require individualized solutions and applies his skill and experience to resolve:

- » Divorce, both litigated and collaborative
- » Custody and visitation
- » Protection from abuse
- » Equitable distribution and alimony
- » Child and spousal support

Focused Leader

A seasoned pacesetter, outside of the office Joe lends his leadership skills to many legal and community organizations. He has served as president of the Duquesne Kline Law Alumni Association and as program chair to both the Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section and the ACBA Bench Bar Conference.

In 2021-22, Joe served as president of the Allegheny County Bar Association, representing approximately 6,000 attorneys and promoting a culture of legal ethics and professionalism.

Awards, Recognition and Memberships

- » Best Lawyers in America Pittsburgh “Lawyer of the Year,” Family Law, 2026
- » Duquesne Kline Law Alumni Association Outstanding Achievement Award, 2024
- » Best Lawyers in America Pittsburgh “Lawyer of the Year” in Family Law Arbitration, 2022, 2024
- » Selected to Best Lawyers in America since 2018
- » Named a Lawyer on the Fast Track by the Legal Intelligencer
- » President, Allegheny County Bar Association, 2021-22
- » Member, ACBA Board of Governors, 2017-present
- » Past Chair, ACBA Young Lawyers Division
- » Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section
- » Member, Collaborative Law Association of Southwestern Pennsylvania
- » Past President, Duquesne Kline Law Alumni Association Board of Governors