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Joseph was born and raised in northeast Arkansas and is a proud graduate of Paragould High School and Arkansas State University. Before pursuing a legal career, Joseph worked as an in-patient rehabilitation and acute-care technician, where he developed a passion for helping others. This passion eventually led him to attend law school, and he recently graduated from Saint Louis University School of Law with a concentration in International Law. During law school, Joseph founded and served as president of SLU Law's chapter of the Animal Legal Defense Fund, a role that complemented his extensive volunteer work with state, national, and international animal advocacy organizations to advance animal welfare legislation.

Currently, Joseph practices in the areas of workers' compensation, professional liability, and health care liability. He also has prior experience in adoption law, administrative law, business and commercial litigation, cryptocurrency compliance, and cybertechnology regulation.

Prior Legal Experience

Global Animal Law (GAL) – Legal Intern
Reinker, Hamilton, and Fenley, LLC – Law Clerk
Woodruff Law Firm, PA – Legal Assistant

Academic Honors and Activities

Saint Louis University School of Law
Concentration in International Law
Dean's Scholar (2021-2024)
Founder and President – SLU Law SALDF (2022-2024)
Studied Abroad in Madrid, Spain (Summer 2023)
Arkansas State University
Honor's College (2017-2021)
Truman Scholar Nominee (2020)

Kays Educational Scholarship for Academic Excellence (2019)

“License2Howl” Scholarship (2017)

Studied Abroad in Costa Rica (2019) and Andalusia, Spain (2020)

Recent Achievements

Animal Legal Defense Fund Advancement of Animal Law Scholarship (2023)

American Legion Arkansas Boys State Model County Award (2022)

Community Activities

American Legion Arkansas Boys State – Senior Counselor

The Gentle Barn, Missouri – Volunteer

Languages

Spanish, advanced/C1

American Sign Language, intermediate

Practice Areas

Health Care Liability

Professional Liability

Workers Compensation

More About Joseph

Education & Bar Admissions

Education

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., 2024)
- Arkansas State University (B.A., World Languages and Culture, Magna Cum Laude, 2021)

Bar Admissions

- Missouri

Professional Affiliations

- Missouri Alliance for Animal Legislation (MAAL)
- Humane Society Legislative Fund

Publications

- Author, “Meat, The Future,” American Journal of Law & Medicine (Spring 2025)