

# Joseph F. Fiorill

## Partner

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### Practices

FOCUS: Litigation  
Charitable Planning, Philanthropy and  
Nonprofit Organizations  
Commercial Litigation  
Real Estate  
Real Estate Development  
Real Estate Litigation

### Industries

Construction

### Education

JD, Georgetown University Law Center  
MA, Washington University in St. Louis  
BA, Dickinson College, *magna cum laude*

### Bar Admissions

District of Columbia  
Maryland  
Virginia

### Court Admissions

US Supreme Court  
US District Court, District of Maryland  
US District Court, Eastern District of Virginia  
US District Court, District of Columbia

### Community Involvements

Bar Association of the District of Columbia  
Edmund Burke Parents Association,  
Executive Committee  
Christian Family Montessori School,  
Counsel  
Maryland State Bar Association

In business, who you know is as important as what you know. Joseph Fiorill has found that his team's connections to developers, contractors, judges and others in Washington, DC's real estate and legal communities can make all the difference for their clients.

### Knowing construction helps build a winning case

Joe advances the interests of property owners, developers and others in disputes over delays and construction defects in large building projects. His understanding of construction and strong experience in strategizing how to resolve disputes put his clients in the best position to achieve a positive outcome. Knowing what really matters on a construction project and understanding where leverage lies help the team determine what claims to press and how to do it.

Joe has another valuable skill that is especially useful to French-speaking clients. Before his legal career, he taught French and worked as a translator. So he's able to help these clients — whether executives with client organizations or asylum seekers fleeing persecution in their homelands — in their own language.

Before joining Katten, Joe was a transactional real estate lawyer at another firm. He also served as a law clerk to the senior judges of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Before becoming a lawyer, Joe was a journalist covering international affairs. In law school, he was editor in chief of *The Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law*.

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## Recognitions

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*Recognized or listed in the following:*

- Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP Pro Bono Service Award
  - 2013

## News

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- *Law360 Celebrates Katten's New Partner Class* (February 8, 2021)
- *Katten Announces New Partner Class* (October 30, 2020)
- *Katten Recognizes Eleven Attorneys with Pro Bono Service Awards* (July 25, 2013)

## Presentations and Events

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- *The Realities of Virtual Litigation* (January 27–February 17, 2021) |  
*Speaker* | *Depositions from a Distance — Going Virtual*