

## Joseph M. Hassett

Pro Bono Senior Counsel

Washington, D.C.

### Biography

For nearly five decades, Joe Hassett has tried jury and non-jury cases in all types of significant matters. He has argued in appellate courts all over the country as well as in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Joe has a deep understanding of corporate and securities matters. He has successfully represented targets and investment bankers in hostile takeover attempts, boards of directors in suits challenging their business judgment, and investment advisory and stock brokerage firms in suits by customers and governmental authorities.

He has advised the outside directors of a major airline in connection with its bankruptcy and assisted boards in developing procedures for improving corporate governance and avoiding litigation. He has also represented companies and individuals in connection with investigations by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and federal grand juries.

### Representative experience

Successfully defended an investor's role in a significant international investment.

Successfully litigated one of the leading cases applying the business judgment rule to a board decision.

### Awards and rankings

- Bet-the-Company Litigation and Commercial Litigation, *The Best Lawyers of America*, 1989-2015



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### Practices

Corporate Governance

Litigation Services

Commercial Litigation

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### Areas of focus

Class Actions and Group Litigation

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### Education and admissions

#### Education

Ph.D., University College Dublin,  
1985

M.A., University College Dublin,  
1981

LL.B., Harvard Law School, cum  
laude, 1967

- Irish Legal 100, *Irish Voice Magazine*
- Who's Who in America
- Who's Who in the World
- Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers, 2007-2009

## Latest thinking and events

- Published Works
  - Pro Bono Reflections – 50+ Years of Public Service *Podcast*
- Awards and Rankings
  - Hogan Lovells lawyers honored at annual Irish Legal 100 Awards reception

B.A., Canisius College, summa cum laude, 1964

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

New York

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## Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Tax Court

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