

MARIO ALEXIS JOSEPH, ESQ.

Founding Partner, CEO, and Principal Broker

Mario Alexis Joseph is a distinguished legal strategist, entrepreneur, and community leader with nearly three decades of experience navigating high-stakes litigation, global manufacturing, and real estate development. Admitted to practice before the **U.S. Supreme Court** and consistently recognized as a **New York Metro Super Lawyer**, Mr. Joseph has built a unique "Boutique Vertical" of professional services that provides comprehensive solutions for complex life and business transitions. He describes himself as the "Quarterback" of these interconnected ventures, mobilizing focused, diverse teams to protect and advance his clients' interests in a holistic manner.

Legal Excellence & Strategic Crisis Management

As the Founding Partner of **Joseph & Smargiassi, LLC**, Mr. Joseph has spent his career repairing lives and guiding clients through high-conflict legal disputes. He is a well respected trial attorney specializing in matrimonial law, religious divorce conflicts, and complex business-related litigation. His diverse legal footprint includes:

- **Pivotal Community Defense:** Successfully litigating *State v. Jiang*, a vital matter for his client and the surrounding community of minority-owned businesses in New Jersey. Mr. Joseph secured a dismissal of the criminal complaint on critical due process and equal protection grounds, defending the community against disparate treatment.
- **Religious & Secular Law:** Precedent-setting matrimonial cases such as *Mizrahi-Srouer v. Srouer* and *Matter of Fancy Windows*.
- **Pro Bono Commitment:** Serving as defense counsel for the **Organization for the Resolution of Agunot (ORA)**.

Bar Admissions

- New York State Bar
- New Jersey State Bar
- Pennsylvania State Bar
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court of New Jersey
- U.S. Supreme Court

Community Advocacy & Public Leadership

Mr. Joseph serves as **Trustee to the Inc. Village of Woodsburgh** and is the former **President of the 5 Towns Civic Association (5TCA)** (2017–2021). Emerging as a leading voice in the preservation of the Five Towns' suburban character and environmental integrity, his leadership, consistently covered by the *Nassau Herald*, was defined by:

- **Opposing Overdevelopment:** Leading the battle against the massive development proposed for the Woodmere Club, famously labeling it the "Sixth Town" and arguing that the community must "retain spaces like that as aggressively as possible."
- **Public Accountability:** Demanding transparency from local officials regarding infrastructure and flooding risks, challenging town planning sessions that felt like an "indoctrination" rather than educational events.
- **Zoning Oversight:** Providing critical legal perspectives on developer lawsuits and lot subdivisions to protect Woodmere's unique character.

Global Entrepreneurship & Real Estate

In 2017, Mr. Joseph translated his proficiency in AutoCAD design and strategic problem-solving into global manufacturing as the **Founder and CEO of HoodSkulls® (TristateTeen, Inc.)**. He manages a proprietary 3D print farm, producing aftermarket off-road accessories sold across 12 countries, with dedicated corporate partnerships benefiting **Mission22** and the **Wounded Warrior Project**. Additionally, as a Partner and Principal Broker at **M&J Partners Realty, LLC**, he vertically integrates his legal and business expertise to manage commercial and residential real estate portfolio matters.

Academic & Professional Background

Born in Argentina and a fixture in the New York community, Mr. Joseph holds a Juris Doctor from the **Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law** and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Political Science from **Queens College (CUNY)**. Mario is a rated, longstanding member of **Superlawyers®**. He has served as a guest lecturer at **Brandeis University** and is AV-Preeminent rated by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating possible for legal ethics and professionalism.

Intellectual Property & Creative Works

As an innovator and creator, Mr. Joseph maintains a diverse portfolio of federally registered intellectual property, reflecting his expertise in both sculptural and literary arts:

- **Sculptural & Industrial Design:** Holder of numerous copyrights for his proprietary **HoodSkulls®** designs, representing original sculptural works utilized in global automotive manufacturing.
- **Literary Works:** A registered author with the U.S. Copyright Office, notably for his poem titled *73rd Virgin*.