



## Josie Contreras

Associate

New York

Josie is a member of Winston's litigation team in the New York office who practices in the areas of government investigations, antitrust, and patent litigation. His pro bono practice experience focuses on criminal defense, 1983 civil rights litigation, and housing rights where he leverages his in-court advocacy experience to the benefit of his clients.

Josie is experienced in negotiating settlements, researching and writing memorandums for a variety of matters, writing motions, and arguing before judges. Josie has represented clients on matters ranging from antitrust litigation to domestic and family disputes.

Prior to joining the firm, Josie was a student attorney at the Criminal Justice Institute at Harvard Law School, a Winston summer associate, and a law clerk for the Federal Public Defender's Office in the Central District of California. While in law school, he was the co-president of the Harvard Mock Trial Association, a co-recruitment chair for La Alianza (Latine student association), and a member of the First Class (first-generation college association).

## Key Matters

- Represented a lender in connection with a government investigation related to CARES Act programs, including the Paycheck Protection Program and the False Claims Act.
- Represented a client in criminal court and successfully argued motions to dismiss charges.
- Argued on behalf of a client in criminal court and achieved a dismissal of the case.
- Advised a client on litigation involving housing rights.
- Directed and cross examined witnesses in family and criminal matters

## Recognitions

- American Association for Justice Trial Advocacy Competition 2022, Regional Semi-Finalist
  - Martin Luther King Jr. National Civil Rights Trial Competition 2021, Finalist
  - American Association for Justice Trial Advocacy, Regional Champion
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## Activities

- New York State Bar Association
  - Hispanic National Bar Association
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## Credentials

### EDUCATION

Josie received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 2022. He received his B.A., *magna cum laude*, in political science from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona in 2016.

### ADMISSIONS

- New York

### LANGUAGES

- Spanish

## Related Insights & News

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### PRO BONO IN ACTION

Victory for Inmate's Rights: Winston Team Secures Verdict and Compensation in ADA Case  
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# Capabilities

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Antitrust/Competition

Patent Litigation

Bankruptcy Litigation & Investigations

Government Program Fraud, False Claims Act & Qui Tam Litigation

Government Investigations, Enforcement & Compliance

Financial Services Transactions & Regulatory

Technology, Media & Telecommunications