



MEET JOY

“I want to be the most responsive, diligent, creative attorney that a client has ever worked with. While our focus is staying ahead of the emerging trends in transparency law, media, and government, I am always willing to go outside of my wheelhouse to solve a problem.”

— Joy Ramsingh

Joy is an attorney in Obermayer’s Transparency Department. She represents media companies, contractors, developers, independent journalists, corporations, public and private partnership participants, and citizens, helping them either access public information that is held by the government or, helping them safeguard trade secret, confidential proprietary information from public disclosure. This looks like providing a hedge fund with information about a regulated product on an expedited timeline, or training corporate in-house counsel on how to protect their trade secret information from FOIA and other public records laws. It can also look like helping investigative reporters obtain the information they need to write about government affairs or helping a private bidder on a government contract obtain commercially valuable information.

Joy firmly believes that there’s no greater mission than good government. The problems that she solves are in the interest of good, accountable government and the people that she works with.

In her free time, Joy enjoys spending time with her husband and daughter. She also loves to golf and garden.

EXPERIENCE

Joy’s experience while serving as an attorney at the Office of Open Records (“OOR”), which, in Pennsylvania, is the leading authority and enforcer of the Right-to-Know law, gave her an industry-leading familiarity and practical insight into the process and procedures at the Office of Open Records.

Joy has adjudicated hundreds of Right-to-Know law disputes as an appeals officer at the OOR, as well as serving as counsel of record for the OOR in appellate litigation and handling *amicus curiae* briefs on the OOR's behalf. She has extensive experience with all sorts of appellate matters relating to transparency law in Pennsylvania.

Joy's most memorable cases include:

- assisted an organization seeking to create an open government office in the Republic of Macedonia;
- represented a photojournalist who was wrongfully arrested while fulfilling his First Amendment function;
- successfully represented the Office of Open Records as *amicus curiae* counsel in *Uniontown Newspapers, Inc. v. Pennsylvania Dep't of Corr.*, 243 A.3d 19 (Pa. 2020).

NEWS & INSIGHTS

Pennsylvania Body Cams: Strong in Theory, Weak in Practice

November 17, 2021

The Legal Intelligencer: Pennsylvania Body Cams: Strong in Theory, Weak in Practice

October 22, 2021 by Joy Ramsingh

The #1 Mistake of Request Drafting (Pennsylvania)

September 14, 2021

ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Joy's professional honors and memberships include:

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Reporter's Committee for Freedom of the Press Tennessee Coalition for Open Government
- Harry Phillips Inn of Court (Nashville, TN)
- Bowman Inn of Court (Harrisburg, PA)
- 2020 Access to Justice Award, TN Supreme Court Order of Barristers
- American Bar Association
 - Administrative Law Section, Government Information and Privacy
- Robert E. Pryor Trial Advocacy Award

Joy also serves as an Inaugural Coach and Attorney Advisor to the Red Land High School Mock Trial team. She is proficient in French and has previously served as a court interpreter for francophone *pro se* litigants.

In 2022, Joy was nominated for a '**Forbes 30 under 30**' Award for her cutting-edge work in Transparency Law on behalf of multinational corporations, journalists, and government officials.

EDUCATION

University of Tennessee College of Law – J.D.

Lipscomb University – B.A.

ADMISSIONS

Tennessee

United States District Court for Middle District of Tennessee

Pennsylvania

CAPABILITIES

Litigation

Transparency and Public Data