



Joe Loftus co-chairs the firm's Public Policy team. Decades of government experience and his credibility allow Joe to help clients looking to establish and maintain successful business relationships with government entities. Defining his practice is the dedication to helping clients achieve their desired result.

Joe's government service experience includes advising government and business clients in developing legislative and executive strategies for effectively advocating their interests before state and local legislative and administrative bodies. Joe also works with business clients regarding state and local procurement laws and administrative practices, as well as represents both governments and businesses in negotiating public-private partnership agreements that have led to the outsourcing of government operations and facilities.

Prior to joining Barnes & Thornburg, Joe served as the senior deputy mayor of the city of Indianapolis and the chief adviser to the House Ways and Means Committee of the Indiana General Assembly.

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