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Joe Musilek joined Briol & Associates in 2001, where he practiced commercial litigation. He is now Of Counsel. He has been selected as a Super Lawyer by Minnesota Law & Politics every year since 2004.

Mr. Musilek began his career with the Minneapolis law firm of Dorsey & Whitney in 1981, practicing commercial litigation. In 1985, he left the practice of law to obtain a master's degree in journalism from Medill at Northwestern University. He then spent three years as a reporter, first covering the "cops and courts" beat for the Duluth News Tribune, and then business and legal affairs for City Business Magazine in Minneapolis.

In 1989, Mr. Musilek returned to the practice of law, joining the Minneapolis firm of Opperman & Paquin, which subsequently became Lockridge Grindal Nauen. He became a partner there and practiced in the area of commercial litigation, focusing in copyright, trademark and trade secret litigation.

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Education

Northwestern University, Medill Graduate School of Journalism
M.S.J., with distinction, 1986

Notre Dame Law School
J.D., *cum laude*, 1981
Executive Editor, Notre Dame Law Review, 1980-81

Villanova University
B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1978

Bar and Court Admissions

Minnesota Supreme Court
U.S. Supreme Court
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U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
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Reported Cases

Onvoy, Inc. vs. SHAL, LLC, et. al., C7-02-621; C7-02-702 (Mn. Sup.Ct. - September 25, 2003)
Minnesota Assn. Of Nurse Anesthetists v. Unity Hosp., 5 F. Supp. 2d 694 (D. Minn. 1998)
Oasis Pub. Co. v. West Pub. Co., 924 F. Supp. 918 (D. Minn. 1996)
Hartford Fire Ins. Co. v. E.A. Sween, 920 F. Supp. 1021 (D. Minn. 1996)
West Prof. Education Group, Inc. v. Harcourt Brace, 1995 WL 422651(D. Minn. 1995)
West Pub. Co. v. On Point Solutions, Inc., 1994 WL 778426 (N.D. Ga. 1994)
D.J.'s Upholstery, Inc. v. Western Nat. Mut. Ins. Co., 505 N.W.2d 379 (Minn. App. 1993)