



About Joel D. Joseph



Joel D. Joseph co-founded the Made in the USA Foundation in Washington, D.C. in 1989. In 2007 he moved the Foundation to Los Angeles. Joseph is currently chairman and general counsel of the Foundation. He earned his law degree at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., in 1973 and earned his BA in economics at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. He also studied economics at Edinburgh University, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Joseph is the author of *Black Mondays: Worst Decisions of the Supreme Court* (1987), with a foreword by Justice Thurgood Marshall; *Employees' Rights in Plain English* (1985); *How to Fight City Hall* (1983); and *Legal Agreements in Plain English* (1982). He also wrote a syndicated newspaper column for the Knight Ridder Tribune on international trade. Joel has edited six editions of the book *Made in the USA: The Complete Guide to America's Best Products*.

In 1999 Joel Joseph organized The American Crafts Project, which now protects the copyrights of American craft designers. Under this project more than 25 federal lawsuits have been filed resulting in three injunctions against the sale of imported products in violation of copyright laws. An additional 20 cases settled on favorable terms. Included in these cases were actions against Target stores, Wal-Mart, Kohl's department stores, and K-Mart. Joel prepared and filed all of these cases and personally argued all of the injunction motions. As a part of this project, Joel teaches classes on copyright law to designers at trade shows across the United States.

Joseph drafted and lobbied in Washington for two major pieces of legislation: The American Automobile Labeling Act, which requires country-of-origin labels on cars and trucks, and the Country of Origin Labeling Act (COOL) which requires country of origin labeling on fresh produce, fish, meat and other food products.