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OVERVIEW

When litigating toxic tort matters, James solves complex client problems by managing both the big picture and the small details.

James is a passionate litigator advocating for clients. His dedication begins well before the courtroom. Clients appreciate him asking questions from the start in order to create optimal strategies for each case, then creating detail-oriented paths toward the desired results.

James focuses his practice on toxic tort matters and product liability, with an emphasis on asbestos claims, but has also handled probate issues and entertainment matters. He drafts discovery and response pleadings, deposition summaries, pretrial reports as well as settlement authority requests and other reports as required by various insurance carriers. He plays a critical role in advocating on behalf of companies in depositions of experts and fact witnesses with the goal of minimizing clients' potential liability. James manages document review projects and conducts legal research in order to evaluate defense strategies, update case management reports, and draft internal and client memoranda advising how to efficiently bring cases to an optimal resolution.

Prior to joining the firm, James clerked as a legal extern for the Honorable Judge John W. Darrah, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois.

Industries

Manufacturing
Technology
Transportation

Services

Asbestos Litigation
Product Liability

Experience

ASBESTOS LITIGATION

- Served as national coordinating counsel for defense of asbestos litigation on behalf of global Fortune 500 company. Supervised local counsel in California, Louisiana, Hawaii, Illinois, Ohio, North Carolina and South Carolina, developing global strategies for defense of these matters, including settlement and trial strategies.
- Negotiated dismissals and settlement packages with various plaintiffs' firms regarding asbestos claims in order to serve clients in most efficient manner.
- Defended numerous clients in hundreds of fact and expert witness depositions in various toxic tort matters.
- Routinely attended monthly motion and trial calls in multiple jurisdictions for various toxic tort matters.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Represented individuals in probate matters and successfully advocated for clients in various probate challenges.
- Reviewed and negotiated contracts in entertainment matters.

Recognition

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2021-2024
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, Civil Litigation, 2018-2023

Education

- J.D., The John Marshall Law School
 - Order of John Marshall
 - Student Bar Association, President
 - *John Marshall Law Review*
- B.A., Purdue University
 - with distinction
 - Psychology major, sociology minor

Admissions

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

*Contact James to set up an in-person consultation by appointment in the Chicago office.



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