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OVERVIEW

James defends manufacturers and national businesses in product liability and high-stakes commercial disputes.

James concentrates his practice on product liability and complex business litigation, representing manufacturers, distributors, and national businesses in high-exposure disputes, including matters involving contract disputes, catastrophic injury, and wrongful death allegations.

James regularly defends clients in litigation involving consumer and industrial products as well as transportation-related incidents. He is skilled at developing case strategy grounded in the factual record, including product identification and provenance, design and warning issues, maintenance and repair history, third-party conduct, and the engineering and technical documents that often decide these cases. Clients value him for stepping into fast-moving matters, mastering technical and document-heavy records, and developing practical approaches that align litigation strategy with business objectives.

James also handles commercial and complex civil litigation involving contract and fraud-based claims. He has experience pursuing and defending matters involving business practices, evaluating liability allocation issues tied to premises and transactions, enforcing arbitration agreements, and supporting defenses grounded in statutory, regulatory, and compliance frameworks.

James advises clients throughout litigation in state and federal courts, from early case assessment and strategy through discovery,

Services

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

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depositions, dispositive motions, and resolution. He has developed contractual risk-transfer strategies, including indemnification and contribution positions. James brings meaningful deposition and trial-team experience, having conducted and defended corporate representative, expert, and third-party examinations and served on trial teams that achieved favorable outcomes in MDL bellwether trials.

Clients rely on James for thorough preparation, strong writing, and clear, results-oriented counsel in complex litigation.

Education

- J.D., University of Illinois College of Law
 - *magna cum laude*
 - Harbo Scholar
 - Dean's List
- B.A., Nottingham Trent University
 - with honors
 - Study Abroad: Università degli studi di Perugia and Université Nice-Sophia-Antipolis

Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri