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Practice Areas

- Appellate & Supreme Court
- Commercial Litigation
- Health Care & Life Sciences
- Product Liability

Industry Sectors

- Cryptocurrency and Blockchain Technology

Education

- University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 2008
- Hampden-Sydney College, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2005

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- Virginia
- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- Maryland
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court -- Maryland
- U.S. District Court -- District of Columbia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court -- Western District of Virginia
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court -- Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court -- Colorado

Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- D.C. Bar Association
- Maryland Bar Association
- Virginia Bar Association
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- D.C. Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- Maryland Defense Counsel, Inc.
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Fairfax County
- The Asian and Asian Pacific American Alumni Network, University of Virginia, Board of Directors
- Mentors, Inc.

James is a dedicated attorney with an extensive practice in complex litigation matters before state and federal courts across the nation. With nearly two decades of trial and appellate experience, James has become a reliable advocate for clients facing a broad spectrum of legal challenges. He handles cases involving products liability, real estate, contract disputes, franchise issues, trade secrets and non-competes, securities, consumer finance, statutory rights, torts, health care, and digital ledger technology.

James earned his bachelor's degree, *summa cum laude*, from Hampden-Sydney College. He then earned his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. While in law school, James was a member of the Lile Mile Court Board and participated in the Extramural Moot Court, gaining valuable experience in legal argumentation and advocacy. He contributed to the *Virginia Journal of Social Policy & the Law* and the *Virginia Sports & Entertainment Law Journal*, showcasing his dedication to legal scholarship. Additionally, he was actively involved in the Asian Pacific-Asian Law Students Association and Phi Alpha Delta fraternity, reflecting his commitment to community and professional development.

Over the years, James has built a reputation for his meticulous preparation, strategic thinking, and dedication to his clients. His ability to navigate the intricacies of complex litigation and deliver favorable outcomes has earned him the trust and respect of his clients and peers alike. Whether representing individuals, businesses, or large corporations, James approaches each case with the same level of commitment and attention to detail, always striving to achieve the best possible results for his clients.

In addition to his professional work, James actively participates in several Boards of Directors, where he provides valuable legal insights and strategic guidance. He frequently shares his knowledge on emerging legal trends and developments. His contributions to legal scholarship and his engagement with professional organizations underscore his dedication to the advancement of the legal profession.

Finally, James takes pride in actively serving his community. For over 15 years, James has mentored local students through his relationship with Mentors, Inc. and Asian American LEAD and has represented veterans, victims of domestic abuse, immigrants, and the unhoused in various *pro bono* capacities.

Experience

Defended a trade organization and obtained dismissal of over 4,000 product-liability lawsuits from over 35 states consolidated in a multidistrict litigation on the basis of personal jurisdiction

Represented a large organization in a trade-secrets lawsuit and received a favorable settlement within months of filing a verified complaint, seeking emergency injunctive relief, emergency discovery, and monetary relief

In a first-of-its-kind argument before the DC Superior Court based on DC's anti-SLAPP statute, obtained dismissal of trade organization accused of committing fraud and conspiracy to hide the purported

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- Asian American LEAD
- Fellow, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, 2024

Awards & Honors

- Super Lawyers, Rising Stars, Washington, D.C., Litigation, 2014-2023
- Super Lawyers, Rising Stars, Washington, D.C. Consumer Law, 2013
- Pro Bono Service Honor Roll - Virginia Access to Justice Commission, 2020-2021
- Best Lawyers in America, *Ones to Watch*: Product Liability Litigation – Defendants, 2023-2025
- American Bar Foundation Fellow
- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2023

Clerkships

Hon. R. Terrence Ney, Fairfax County Circuit Court, Fairfax, VA

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Defended a claims administrator of a self-funded plan from ERISA and breach-of-fiduciary-duty claims by staving off filing of lawsuit by an insurance plan beneficiary and insurance plan administrator

Represented large company against claims of antitrust violations hinged on the company's suggested resale price policy

Successfully defended Fortune 20 company against claims of mortgage fraud and statutory violations (RESPA, TILA) through motion to dismiss

Defended large mortgage servicer in putative class action in federal court against claims of mortgage fraud and illegal debt collection through successful motion for summary judgment

Represented Fortune 100 company in mediation concerning complex contract dispute regarding high-grade military equipment that led to favorable result

Successfully defended real-estate developer against claims of wrongful foreclosure and quiet title through summary-judgment motion and subsequent attempts to undo a favorable settlement agreement during a four-day evidentiary proceeding

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