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Bio

James' practice focuses primarily on family law litigation although he has represented parties in a wide variety of commercial litigation matters throughout his legal career. He is an experienced litigator, having tried cases in both state and federal court. James assists clients with complex marital dissolutions, including those of high net worth individuals, often involving business valuations and estate issues. James favors a team approach, which is client-centered and cost-effective. James is an experienced family law mediator and assists parties through mediation and arbitration to resolve their disputes. James is also trained and experienced in Collaborative Law, and is an experienced judicial officer, having served as a Commissioner Pro Tempore in family law matters.

Education

- J.D., Seattle University of Law, *Cum Laude*, 1998
 - Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition: Regional Champion; World Cup Competitor, 1998 (Ranked Top 25 Oralists)
 - Seattle University School of Law Moot Court Vice-Chair
 - Inns of Court
 - Order of the Barristers
 - CALI Excellence for the Future Award – Constitutional Law
- B.S., California State University, Los Angeles, Finance, 1995

Publications & Presentations

- Co-Author, 2022 Washington State Bar Association Family Law Deskbook: Maintenance
- Speaker, "Dealing With A Rambo Litigator in Divorce," National Business Institute, April 2013
- Speaker, "Taxes: Marriage Equality vs. Federal DOMA," QLaw, April 2013
- Speaker, "Modern Family: Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART)," Family Law CLE, March 2013
- Speaker, "Financial Divorce Settlements from Start to Finish," National Business Institute, December 6, 2011
- Speaker, "Settling the Score: Money Matters in Divorce," National Business Institute, February 2008
- Speaker, "Ethics and Professionalism in Family Law Discovery Practice," King County Bar Association, December 2008

Bar/Court Admissions



- Admitted Washington State, 1998
- Admitted California, 1998
- Admitted Washington Tribal Court for Tulalip/Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS)
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

Professional & Civic Involvement

- Commissioner *Pro Tempore*, King County Superior Court, 2016-2021
- Seattle University School of Law/King County Bar Association - Domestic Violence Clinic, Volunteer Attorney
- King County Volunteer Family Law Settlement Conference Program - Master Attorney/Volunteer Mediator
- King County Bar Association Family Law Mentor Program - Attorney Mentor
- QLaw: The LGBT Bar Association of Washington – Founding Board Member
- QLaw Foundation - President and Board Member
- Highline Community College - Adjunct Instructor, Paralegal Program
- California State University, Los Angeles - Adjunct Professor, Business Law

Honors, Awards & Special Recognition

- Repeatedly recognized as a “Super Lawyer” by Thomson Reuters' Washington Super Lawyers

Personal

James returned to Seattle a number of years ago and enjoys being in one of the greatest cities in the world. He tries to spend as much time as possible with his large extended family in the area. In his spare time, James enjoys traveling, house remodels, working out and paddle sports.