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Biography

Jim has been a lawyer for over 38 years and has specialized in first-party property coverage and litigation throughout the U.S. Within this area, he has handled matters involving property damage, builders risk, valuation, business interruption and extra expense, arson, misrepresentation, environmental and production contamination, and other building damage or problems such as fire, hail, defective construction, collapse, hurricanes, and mold. Jim has practiced in many state and federal courts and has experience in mediation and arbitration. His practice involves substantial dealings with experts in various disciplines and writing opinion letters, motions, and briefs.

Since 1982, Jim has been admitted to the bar for the State of Illinois and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. He is a member of the American Bar Association, including the Sections on Litigation and Tort & Insurance Practice, and the Chicago Bar Association. He is also a member of CLM, DRI, and the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel.

Jim received a B.A. *cum laude* from the University of Notre Dame in 1979. He received his Juris Doctorate in 1982 from the University of Toledo College of Law, where he was a member of the Law Review.

His interests are running, weightlifting, reading, history, writing fiction, and Notre Dame football. He is a co-founder of the Western Springs Writers Society. He serves on various committees for the Notre Dame Club of Chicago and is a member of its Board of Directors.

Education

J.D. University of Toledo College of Law, 1982

B.A. University of Notre Dame, 1979

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

United States Supreme Court
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, including Trial Bar
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

Memberships

Chicago Bar Association

Awards

Leading Lawyers, 2020