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OVERVIEW

James represents clients in insurance coverage disputes and other complex litigation. He handles a wide range of matters, with particular emphasis on general liability insurance and bad faith claims. He also has experience in disability, life, and health insurance coverage and litigation matters.

Prior to joining the firm, James was an associate at another firm, where he gained extensive experience in all phases of the litigation process, including discovery, motion practice, and trial preparation.

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Directors + Officers Insurance
- General Liability
- Insurance + Reinsurance

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Bad Faith
- Directors + Officers Insurance
- General Liability
- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Litigation + Trial

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- In-house counsel, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, 2010-2011

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

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- University of California, Davis, School of Law, J.D., *Order of the Coif*, 2008
- University of California, Los Angeles, B.A., *cum laude*, 2003

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

CLERKSHIPS

- Supreme Court of Nevada, 2009-2010

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Co-speaker, "Notable Professional Liability Insurance Decisions of 2025," On24 Webinar, February 25, 2026.
- Speaker, "Best Practices for Responding to Settlement Demands Part 1," Troutman Pepper Locke, May 12, 2025.
- Speaker, "Issues To Be Aware of: Project Specific Policies, Additional Insured Coverage, Design-Build, and Retroactive Dates," Troutman Pepper Webinar, August 20, 2024.
- Speaker, "Notable Professional Liability Insurance Decisions of Last Year," Troutman Pepper, February 8, 2024.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "2025 Professional Liability Year in Review," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, February 24, 2026.
- Contributor, "2024 D&O and Professional Liability Year in Review," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, February 12, 2025.
- Contributor, "D&O and Professional Liability 2020 | A Year in Review," *Troutman Pepper*, March 1, 2021.
- Contributor, "D&O and Professional Liability Update 2018: A Year in Review," *Troutman Sanders*, January 31, 2019.
- Contributor, "D&O and Professional Liability Update 2017: A Year in Review," *Troutman Sanders*, February 8, 2018.
- Contributor, "D&O and Professional Liability Update 2016: A Year in Review," *Troutman Sanders*, February 27, 2017.