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Practice Areas

Employment Litigation

Insurance Coverage & Defense

Municipal / Governmental Litigation

Product Liability

Professional Liability

Trucking Litigation

Bar & Court Admissions

Alabama State Bar

Alabama Supreme Court, United States District Court for the Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts of Alabama

Bio

During fifty years of active trial practice, Jim has had the experiences of a lifetime, from cautiously investigating the burned-out hull of a large cargo ship to entering the world's deepest underground coal mine to guiding numerous law firms as they navigate difficult times. He's quick to say he has the greatest job there is.

Since joining the firm in 1975, he has defended clients in the areas of heavy equipment litigation, trucking litigation, insurance coverage litigation and bad faith agency professional liability litigation. He has handled professional malpractice defense for lawyers and law firms as well as claims involving insurance and real estate agents. And, he has served defendants in product liability cases involving construction, logging, marine application, mining and recreational products such as firearms and hunting equipment. But his greatest calling in the law is the frequent knock on the office door when a fellow lawyer comes in, saying, 'Hey, Jim, I've got a problem case I don't know what to do with. Do you have a few minutes?' The answer is always yes.

When he's not in the office, Jim spends time with his wife, Martha Jean, and pursues his hobbies of photography, fly fishing and cooking. Jim believes in giving back by serving in leadership or advising entities like the Boy Scouts, the Humane Society, SIDs Inc., the local NPR affiliate, and the many conservation and environmental organizations that preserve our natural resources.

Jim was recently named by Positive Maturity as a 2024 honoree on its "Top 50 Over 50" list and received recognition as 2024 "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers for professional malpractice law. In addition, he has been listed by The Best Lawyers in America since 2021 for product liability litigation. He was also inducted as a Fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation in 2014. Fellows are selected by a

United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas

United States Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit

Memberships

Alabama Defense Lawyers Association

Birmingham Bar Association

five-member panel and Fellow membership is limited to one percent of the Alabama Bar.

Jim earned his BS from The University of Alabama and his JD from The University of Alabama School of Law.

Distinctions & Contributions

01 Honoree, named by Positive Maturity as a 2024 honoree on its "Top 50 Over 50" list

02 Listed by The Best Lawyers in America since 2010 for Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants, and Transportation Law and since 2021 for Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

03 Best Lawyers 2024 Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" in Birmingham

04 Best Lawyers 2022 Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" in Birmingham

05 Listed by Super Lawyers (2009, 2017-2018, 2021-2022, 2024)

06 Award Winner, 2020 Birmingham Business Journal Best of the Bar

07 Listed, B-Metro Magazine Top Attorneys for 2020

08 Appointed Member, Alabama State Bar Legal Malpractice Insurance Task Force 2019-2020

09 Listed, B-Metro Magazine Top Flight Attorneys for 2019

10 Listed, B-Metro Magazine Top Lawyers 2018

11 Selected as a 2017 Top Flight Lawyer by B-Metro magazine

12 Jim is consistently "AV" rated by Martindale-Hubbell surveys and is recognized by his peers in the Bar as Best of the Bar, The Best Lawyers in America, "Birmingham's Top Attorneys", Birmingham Magazine, a member of Super Lawyers, and recognized by the Birmingham Business

Journal as a leading trial lawyer in the State.