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Practice Areas

[Employment Litigation](#)

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[Professional Liability](#)

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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 2021 for
Product Liability Litigation – Defendants; listed by The Best
Lawyers in America since 2010 for Personal Injury Litigation
– Defendants, Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants
and Transportation Law (2010 – 2025)
- 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.