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Jeffrey James has experience litigating a variety of cases in both state and federal court. He regularly represents defendants in professional liability matters (e.g., attorneys, accountants, engineers, etc.). He also has experience litigating property damage, personal injury, premises liability, and construction cases. Jeff also regularly represents recreational vehicle dealers, manufacturers, repair facilities and other industry-related entities with regard to a variety of claims.

Representative Experience

- Fowler White Boggs Banker P.A., Tampa, FL
Attorney, September 2003 to October 2008
- Colley Shroyer & Abraham Co., L.P.A., Columbus, OH
Law Clerk, Summer/Fall 2002
- Chambers of Judge George C. Smith, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Columbus, OH
Intern, Summer 2001
- Corrections Litigation Section, Ohio Attorney General's Office, Columbus, OH
Intern, 2001

Presentations and Publications

Publications

- "Negligent Misrepresentation by a Professional: Who Can Sue?"
Author, Defense Research Institute's The Voice, Vol. 10, Issue 43
(Oct. 26, 2011)
- "Expert Testimony in Legal Malpractice Cases", Author, DRI's For
The Defense, July 2010
- "Moving For Attorneys' Fees and Costs: Do It Right and Do it On
Time!" Author, The Florida Bar Journal, Vol. 80 No. 1 January 2006
- "Design Defects and Nondesigning Manufacturer: Does Strict
Liability Apply?," Author, Published in the Newsletter for the ABA

Practice Areas

Professional Malpractice
Products Liability
Property Damage
Litigation
Personal Injury Litigation
Commercial Litigation

Education

J.D., Ohio State University
Moritz College of Law,
2003 (Managing Editor
2002-2003; *The Ohio State
Law Journal* ; Moot Court
& Lawyering Skills
Governing Board, Chief
Justice, 2002-2003)
B.A., *cum laude*, Florida
State University, 2000

Bar Admissions

Florida

Court Admissions

Florida State Courts
U.S. District Court, Middle
District of Florida
U.S. District Court,
Northern District of Florida
U.S. District Court,
Southern District of Florida

Section of Litigation, Committee on Products Liability Litigation Vol. 16, Issue 1, Winter 2005

- "Spoliation: Sword or Shield?" Co-Authored with Frank Gassler and John O'Flanagan, in *DRI Product Liability Conference Manual*, February 2004. Reprinted in *Australian Product Liability Report*, Vol. 15, Nos. 3 and 4, April 2004, May 2004

Presentations

- "Chinese Toxic Products from Toys to Pet Foods to Drywall," Co-Authored by Nava Ben-Avraham, Terry Ford, Jeffrey James, Michele Johnson and Petra Justice. Presented by Frank H. Gassler at the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC), Hot Springs, Virginia, July 2009.
- "Can You Keep a Secret? Confidentiality of Court Documents and Trade Secrets in Modern Litigation," Co-Authored with Bradford Patrick, Presented by Frank H. Gassler at the 2005 Winter Meeting of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC), Marco Island, Florida, March 2005. Mr. James also presented this paper as a Fowler White CLE seminar to Technology and Products Liability practice group, March 2005 and March 2006

Professional Affiliations

- The Florida Bar
- American Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute (DRI): Professional Liability Committee, Publications Vice Chair and Steering Committee Member
- Hillsborough County Bar Association: Trial Lawyers section; Young Lawyers Division
- Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers (APRL)
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS)

Community Involvement

- City of Tampa Civil Service Board: Member, appointment by City Council, 2008-2009
- Hillsborough County Commission: Member of the County Consumer Protection Board, by Appointment, 2006-2008
- Tampa Chamber of Commerce: Emerge Tampa, 2004-2008
- Tampa Connection: Alumni Association; Class of 2006; Alumni Committee, 2009 to present.
- Hillsborough County Board of Directors for Junior Achievement of West Central Florida, Inc.

Distinctions

AV Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

Florida Rising Star, 2009-2011

CALI Award for Excellence in the Study of the Law of Cyberspace, 2001; The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

CALI Award for Excellence in the Study of Sports Law, 2002; The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

John J. Adams Memorial Award for Student Leadership, 2003; The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

Outstanding Student Administrator of the Moot Court Program, 2002-2003; The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law