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Overview

Rob James helps insurers and businesses resolve complex disputes and manage risk so they can protect their interests and achieve their objectives.

An experienced litigator, Rob represents clients in a broad range of tort, contract, insurance and commercial matters. His practice includes the defense of claims involving insurance, product liability, professional liability, general, and automobile liability. Clients rely on his strategic approach to navigate high-stakes litigation efficiently and effectively.

Beyond the courtroom, Rob advises insurance companies, self-insured organizations and other businesses on insurance and risk management issues. He also serves as a mediator in a wide variety of disputes, helping parties evaluate risks, identify practical solutions, and pursue efficient resolutions. His diverse experience across litigation, risk management, and mediation enables him to provide practical counsel tailored to each client's unique needs and objectives.

Education

- Pepperdine University School of Law, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution
- University of Arkansas School of Law, 1995 (J.D.)
- University of Arkansas, 1992 (B.S.B.A.)

Bar Admissions

- Arkansas, 1996
- Oklahoma, 1995

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court, 2001
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 2004

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, 2004
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, 1996
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, 2004
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Arkansas, 2004
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, 1996
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma, 1996
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, 1996

Community Involvement

- University of Arkansas, Board of Advocates
- University of Arkansas Foundation
- Booker T. Washington High School, Swim Booster Board Member; Benefactor
- Booker T. Washington High School Foundation, Benefactor

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2027
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Insurance Law
  - Litigation – Insurance
  - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
  - Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- *Oklahoma Super Lawyers*, Civil Litigation, 2026

Memberships

- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel
- Oklahoma Association of Defense Counsel, former Board of Directors
- American Bar Association, Litigation; Torts and Insurance; Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Oklahoma Bar Association, Litigation; Torts and Insurance; Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Tulsa County Bar, Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Defense Research Institute
- Oklahoma Supreme Court Certified Mediator
- Arkansas Bar Association