

James E. Brazeau

Of Counsel



About James

With over 40 years of high-level trial experience, Jim is a leading trial attorney who has been involved in hundreds of cases involving commercial litigation, health care, medical malpractice, legal malpractice, and product liability disputes. Jim is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and a Fellow in the Litigation Council of America Proven Trial Lawyers™.

In commercial litigation cases, Jim represents health care providers and hospitals in contract disputes and enforcement of non-compete agreements; contractual disputes regarding supply and purchase agreements; and owners, contractors and architects in defective construction and warranty claims.

Highly skilled in defending professional liability cases, Jim serves as a trusted counselor for physicians and hospitals in claims involving malpractice cases with catastrophic loss in the most complex medical specialties. In Ohio and Michigan, Jim represents attorneys facing legal malpractice charges related to litigation, domestic relations, estate planning and employment.

Jim also has extensive experience in credentialing and licensure for state-regulated professionals including suspension and termination of privileges for medical staff or health care personnel.

Relevant Experience

Commercial Litigation

- Jim regularly represents healthcare providers and hospitals involving breach of contracts and enforcement of non-compete agreements.
- Jim represents clients regarding contractual disputes ranging from supply contracts, purchase and service agreements.
- Jim represents owners, contractors and architects primarily involving alleged defective construction and warranty claims

Health Care

- Jim has represented healthcare professionals and institutions involving credentialing and suspension or termination of privileges.
- Jim regularly represents healthcare professionals before state regulatory boards.

Medical Malpractice

- Jim successfully represents physicians and hospitals in Michigan and Ohio involving many specialties including cardiology, obstetrics/gynecology, surgery, and primary care.

Legal Malpractice

- Jim successfully represents attorneys in Ohio and Michigan involving litigation, domestic relations, estate planning, and employment law.

Product Liability

- Jim defends claims arising from use of medical devices or equipment as well as drug product liability.

Education

University of Toledo College of Law, J.D., cum laude, 1978

University of Toledo, B.A., 1975

Bar Admissions

Ohio, 1978

Michigan, 1992

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, 1978

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Professional Associations

Ohio State Bar Association

Toledo Bar Association

Diversity Law Institute, Member, October 2019

Trial Law Institute, Member, October 2019

Defense Research Institute

Accomplishments

American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow

Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America

Super Lawyers, Professional Liability: Defense (2025)

Super Lawyers, Professional Liability, Health Care, Business Litigation (2007-2009; 2012-2024))

Who's Who in Toledo Area Law - Healthcare, Professional Liability and Commercial Litigation, Toledo Business Journal (2009 - 2020)

Toledo Bar Association Community Service Award 2015

Community Involvement

NW District, Erie Shores Boy Scouts Council

2015 Community Service Award by the Toledo Bar Association

Legatus - Member

Mercy St. Vincent Foundation - Board Member

Grey Nun Community Fund - Trustee Representative

Mom's House - Past President and Former Board Member

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