

James D. O'Donnell

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James is a member of Shumaker's Litigation & Disputes Service Line, where his practice focuses on business and real estate litigation. He regularly represents businesses, business owners, shareholders, landlords, and property owners in all phases of litigation in state and federal court.

James's litigation practice spans multiple industries, including manufacturing, construction, health care, real estate, hospitality, retail, and technology.

James has extensive experience in:

- Representing clients in breach of contract, fraud, defamation, unfair competition, and other business disputes
- Litigating shareholder and partnership disputes, including derivative actions, fiduciary duty claims, and corporate governance issues
- Representing landlords and property owners in lease disputes, eviction proceedings, and real estate-related litigation

Following law school, James spent two years serving as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Joel DeVore of the Oregon Court of Appeals. A Sarasota native, James currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Sarasota Community Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast. Outside of work, he enjoys spending

SERVICE LINE

Early Dispute Resolution
Litigation & Disputes

INDUSTRY SECTOR

Financial Institutions &
Insurance
Health Care
Hospitality, Leisure & Sports
Manufacturing
Real Estate, Construction &
Development
Technology

PRIMARY LOCATION

time with his family, running, weightlifting, fishing, boating, and collecting vintage guitars.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Florida, 2022

Washington, 2021

Oregon, 2017

U.S. District Court, District of, Oregon

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of, Washington

U.S. District Court, Western District of, Washington

United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Multnomah County Bar Association
- Clark County Bar Association
- Sarasota County Bar Association, Membership Committee
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast Sarasota Community, Board of Directors
- Leadership Sarasota, Class of 2026

HONORS

- *Lewis & Clark Law Review*, Lead Article Editor
- Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Regional Team
- Moot Court Honors Board
- Tonkon Torp Merit Scholarship, 2015–2016
- Best Oral Advocate Award, 1L Moot Court Competition
- SRQ Elite Top Attorneys, 2025

Sarasota, FL

EDUCATION

J.D., *magna cum laude*,
Northwestern School of Law
of Lewis & Clark College

B.S., *magna cum laude*,
Geography, University of
South Florida