

## James D. O'Donnell

PARTNER

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James is a litigator who focuses his practice on complex business litigation, representing businesses, business owners, and shareholders in high-stakes disputes through all stages of litigation. He works closely with his clients to develop litigation strategies that protect their long-term operational and financial interests.

James has extensive experience in:

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

His practice spans multiple industries, including manufacturing, construction, hospitality, health care, real estate, and technology.

Before joining Shumaker, James spent two years as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Joel DeVore of the Oregon Court of Appeals. A Sarasota native, he currently serves on the Board of Directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast.

### SERVICE LINE

Early Dispute Resolution  
Litigation & Disputes

### INDUSTRY SECTOR

Financial Institutions &  
Insurance  
Financial Services

### PRIMARY LOCATION

Sarasota, FL

Outside of work, James enjoys spending time with his wife, their toddler, and their two dogs; weightlifting; traveling; boating; and playing guitar.

## 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

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, 2025–2026
- SRQ Elite Top Attorneys, 2025
- *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

## EDUCATION

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

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