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AREAS OF FOCUS

Litigation
Greentech & Sustainability
PFAS & Emerging Contaminants
Natural Resources & Endangered Species
Permitting & Environmental Review
Clean Water & Water Quality

EDUCATION & CLERKSHIP

J.D., cum laude, Harvard University School of Law (2005)

M.P.P., Harvard Kennedy School (2020) B.A., cum laude, Harvard College (2014) Law clerk to the Honorable Chief Judge Brian Morris, United States District Court for the District of Montana (2020-21)

ADMISSIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of Massachusetts
State Bar of Washington
U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

RECOGNITION & ACTIVITIES

Lecturer of Law, Brandeis University, Spring 2022

Co-Instructor, Boston College Law School, Spring 2021

Teaching Fellow, Harvard College, Fall 2019 Awarded Harvard Certificate for Distinction in Teaching

Lecturer of Law, Boston College, Spring 2020

James's practice focuses on regulatory compliance, emerging contaminants, environmental review and renewables.

Practicing out of Boston, MA, James advises clients who are working to understand the complicated and shifting regulatory environments surrounding emerging contaminants, with a particular emphasis on PFAS. He has extensive knowledge on PFAS regulatory compliance for various industries, including textile and apparel manufacturers, outdoor recreational product manufacturers, and retailers. He also advises manufacturer and retailer clients on federal and state clean air regulations. He has experience with permitting and defending renewable projects. He has worked on cases arising under the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, National Forest Management Act, Federal Land Policy & Management Act, and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, & Liability Act.

Prior to joining Marten Law, James clerked for Chief Judge Brian M. Morris of the United States District Court, District of Montana in Great Falls, MT. He graduated from Harvard Law School (cum laude) where he was Editor-in-Chief of the Harvard Environmental Law Review, while also earning an MPP from the John F. Kennedy School of Government. He gained significant experience in environmental law while interning for the U.S. Department of Justice and the Natural Resources Defense Council. He also interned for the Massachusetts Senate Counsel's Office and with the Navajo Nation Department of Justice in Window Rock, AZ.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Counsel to technology company developing autonomous, all-electric delivery vehicles in compliance with CAA
- Counsel to Fortune 100 company defending enforcement action brought under state air quality laws
- Trial Counsel to New Mexico local governments for recovery of costs to remediate municipal water supplies contaminated by hazardous substances used by private companies and the U.S. military
- ➤ Appellate brief for industry associations seeking to intervene in ESA litigation (Defenders of Wildlife et al. v. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Nos. 21-16382, 21-16383, 21-16384 (9th Cir.))
- ➤ Pro bono amicus brief on behalf of gun violence prevention organizations in public nuisance case against gun manufacturers (Estados Unidos Mexicanos v. Smith & Wesson Brands, Inc., et al., No. 1:21-cv-11269 (D. Mass.))