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AREAS OF FOCUS

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

EDUCATION & CLERKSHIP

J.D., *cum laude*, Harvard University School of Law (2023)

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

RECOGNITION & ACTIVITIES

Co-Chair, American Apparel and Footwear Association (AAFA)'s PFAS Working Group Member, Outdoor Industry Association (OIA) 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 Co-author, Struggling to find a Rapanos Nexus: Mauiand the Expansion of Clean Water Act Regulation, Ecology L.Q. (Forthcoming 2021

Author, The Takings Project Revisited: A Critical Analysis of This Expanding Threat to Environmental Law, Student Note, 45 Harv.

Envtl. L. Rev 236 (2020

Author, Atay v. County of Maui, Case Comment, 42 Harv. Envt. L. Rev. 205 (2018 James's practice focuses on consumer product regulatory compliance, emerging contaminants, and environmental review.

James leads the firm's consumer products regulatory practice. He helps consumer product manufacturers in the apparel, outdoor, and food products industries who are working to understand the complicated and shifting regulatory and litigation environments surrounding emerging contaminants. He has extensive knowledge on PFAS regulatory compliance at the federal and state level. James's clients include textile and apparel manufacturers, outdoor recreational product manufacturers, food product manufacturers, and retailers. He also works with industry associations to update membership on regulatory developments.

He also has experience with permitting and defending projects on public lands, with particular emphasis on renewable energy development. 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. James also maintains a pro bono litigation practice focused on gun violence prevention.

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 Navajo Nation Department of Justice in Window Rock, AZ.