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Overview

James Alexander Lewis, V concentrates his practice in the areas of complex civil litigation and employment matters, including representing public entities, corporations, non-profits, and individuals. His practice includes, but is not limited to, prosecuting and defending claims involving discrimination, harassment, contract disputes and allegations of civil rights violations. In addition to his extensive experience litigating matters before the state and federal courts of New York and New Jersey, James also counsels employers by way of conducting workplace investigations, and drafting handbooks and policies related to maintaining a safe workplace.

Before entering private practice, James served as a law clerk in Ocean County Superior Court, Superior Court of New Jersey. Subsequently, James served as the inaugural law clerk for the Hon. Michael A. Shipp, U.S.D.J. upon his elevation to the United States District Court, District of New Jersey.

Prior to his clerkships, James served as a summer associate in the legal department of a Fortune 100 company. James also served as a summer associate for the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey.

James attended Rutgers University on an academic scholarship and graduated with honors, before obtaining his juris doctorate in New York. While in law school, James served on the Student Bar Association and as President of the Black Law Student Association. Due to his academic performance and service, James was recognized with several scholarships and awards, including a NYC Bar Diversity Fellowship, and he was the recipient of the Dedicated Service to the Law School Award at graduation.

James is an alumnus of the Seton Hall University School of Law, Pre-Legal Program, where he was

awarded the Best Legal Writing Award. In 2012, James returned to the program as a Professor of Legal Writing and Oral Advocacy.

James is a recognized leader in the legal community. Among his recent accomplishments, James is the 2019 recipient of the Professional Lawyer of the Year Award. Additionally, in 2019, he was named a Diversity Fellow by the American Bar Association. Currently, James serves on the Board of Trustees for the New Jersey State Bar Association ("NJSBA") and is an active member in several sections and committees of the organization. He is the co-chair of the Diversity Committee, and chair-elect of the Minorities in the Profession Section ("MIPS"). James was recently appointed as a founding member of the Commission on Racial Equity in the Law. In addition, James is currently serving as the Treasurer for the Garden State Bar Association. James has been appointed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey to serve on the Ethics Committee and the Committee on Jury Selection in Civil and Criminal Trials.

James currently serves on the Board of Directors for Kismet of Kings, a non-profit organization dedicated to uplifting young men ages 11-17 in his hometown of Jersey City, New Jersey. James is a member, and past General Counsel of a New York chapter, of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. James has also served as a mentor for the New Jersey Law and Education Empowerment Program (NJLEEP) and a "Big Brother" for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program.

Practice Areas

- › [Litigation](#)
- › [Employment and Labor Law](#)
- › [Governmental Law](#)

Education

- › Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 2007 BA
 - › cum laude
- › Hofstra University School of Law, 2010 JD

Bar Admissions

- › New Jersey
- › New York

Court Admissions

- › United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
- › United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- › United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- › United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- › United States Supreme Court

Professional Activities

- › New Jersey State Bar Association (“NJSBA”), Trustee
- › NJSBA Diversity Committee, Co-Chair
- › NJSBA Minorities in the Profession Section (“MIPS”), chair-elect
- › NJSBA Commission on Racial Equity in the Law
- › Garden State Bar Association, Treasurer
- › Supreme Court of New Jersey Ethics Committee
- › Supreme Court of New Jersey Jury Selection in Civil and Criminal Trials Committee