



# James D. O'Donnell

## Associate

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**“I am committed to consistent and prompt communication with clients to effectively collaborate and identify their unique needs and goals. I take an innovative, pragmatic, and creative approach in exploring all potential solutions to achieve my clients’ desired outcomes, while keeping them informed every step of the way.”**

James D. O’Donnell is a member of the firm’s litigation practice team and has experience representing clients in all phases of litigation. James advocates for businesses from a variety of industries, including technology, energy, oil and gas, manufacturing, retail, telecommunications, shipping, waste management, and hospitality.

James focuses his practice on business and environmental litigation matters. In his business litigation practice, James represents local small businesses to large national corporations in breach of contract, fraud, defamation, unfair competition, trademark infringement, and related business disputes. In his environmental litigation practice, James represents businesses and property owners in a variety of environmental matters, including hazardous waste cleanups, government enforcement actions, and insurance issues.

After law school, he served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Joel DeVore of the Oregon Court of Appeals for two years where he researched and drafted judicial opinions in diverse areas of law.

### Professional Activities

- Clark County Bar Association, Member
- Multnomah Bar Association, Member
  - Young Lawyers Section, Membership Committee
- Oregon State Bar, Member
- Washington State Bar Association, Member
- Federal Bar Association, Member
- American Bar Association, Member

### Education

J.D., Lewis & Clark Law School, *magna cum laude*, 2017

- Lead Article Editor, *Lewis & Clark Law Review*
- Moot Court Honors Board
- Best Oral Advocate Award, 1L Moot Court Competition

B.A., University of South Florida, *magna cum laude*, 2012

### Bar Admissions

Washington, 2021  
Oregon, 2017

### Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Oregon

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

## Civic Activities

- The Portland Opera, Young Patron Society
- Lewis & Clark Law School Mentor Program
- The Portland Business Alliance
  - Central City Standing Committee, Member

## Representative Experience

### Litigation & Dispute Resolution

- Successfully obtained emergency injunctive relief and attorney fees for a large Pacific Northwest hospital in a false advertising dispute against a health insurance company.
- Represented a large Pacific Northwest hospital in a multimillion-dollar contract dispute against another hospital.
- Successfully challenged a default judgment and obtained attorney fees for a Canadian brewery in a contract dispute against a Washington manufacturer.
- Successfully defended a national wireless cellular company in numerous consumer arbitration actions.
- Represented an Oregon solid waste and recycling company in various franchise disputes with local governments and competitors.

## Publications

- “Affordable Housing Ordinances: Exactions or Use Restrictions in the Post-Koontz Era? An Analysis of California Building Association v. City of San Jose,” 48 Urb. Law. 899 (2016)

## Personal Activities

James enjoys trail running, weightlifting, fishing, and exploring the outdoors with his Rhodesian Ridgeback.