



James A. Durbin

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Education:

- University of Kansas, J.D., 1989
- William Jewell College, B.A., 1986

Admissions:

- Missouri, 1989
- Kansas, 1990

Principal Practice Areas:

- Employment Law
- Trial
- Appellate
- Worker's Compensation
- Arbitration

Career Overview

Jim has practiced at Swanson Midgley since 1989 in the firm's litigation group. He has tried cases in both the federal and state courts in Missouri and Kansas. He has also argued before the Eighth Circuit. He has experience with both jury and non-jury trials.

Experience Overview

Jim practices as a trial attorney in the areas of insurance defense, products liability, premises liability, workers' compensation, commercial landlord/tenant law, and commercial litigation. He has significant experience in life, health and disability claims primarily under ERISA.

He has successfully represented both plaintiffs and defendants and achieved successful verdicts recently in several cases including: VanDenBurg v. Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. et al.—representing defendant Liggett Group successfully to a defense verdict in a products liability claim; Edmunds v. The Mobility Group, Inc. et al.—representing the company and salesman successfully to a defense verdict in a claim alleging breach of contract, misrepresentation and violations of the KCPA; Manning v. Todd—representing the plaintiff to a jury verdict in excess of the policy limits in a personal injury claim.

Professional Affiliations:

- Kansas Bar
- Missouri Bar
- The American Bar Association

Additional Information:

Jim is a member of the Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce.

Jim is on the Board of Directors of Holmeswood Baptist Church. He also serves as Chairman of the church's Placement Team. He has also served the church as Deacon, and as a member of the Personnel Committee, Early Education Committee, Stewardship Committee and Activities Committee.