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James focuses his practice on complex commercial, technology, and real estate litigation. His experience encompasses cases in both federal and state court through all phases of trial, including discovery, motion practice, mediation, and trial preparation. He has represented clients in all types of cases, from contractual disputes to bet-the-company litigation.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

In particular, James has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions litigation, having represented private equity clients in disputes with both buyers and sellers in a number of significant transactions.

Additionally, James has extensive experience advising his clients regarding data privacy laws, including data breach notifications and similar requirements in the United States, the European Union, and around the world.

James previously served as a legal extern to The Honorable Judge A. Joe Fish of the US District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

- Represented private equity firm in US\$500 million M&A fraud litigation against seller
- Represented publicly traded corporation and board of directors in responding to proxy nomination dispute initiated by activist investors
- Represented major financial institution in obtaining collection against loan in excess of US\$50 million
- Represented multifamily residential development company in highly contentious litigation over real estate transaction worth approximately US\$20 million
- Handled determination of heirship in and probate of US\$5 million estate
- Represented multinational oil and gas producer in complex cross-border litigation, including discovery in aid of foreign proceeding
- Handled data breach notification and response for publicly traded company in approximately 30 countries and almost all US jurisdictions

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## Admissions

- Texas

## Recognitions

- Named a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation
- Named a 2018 Best Lawyers Under 40 by *D Magazine*
- Named a 2019 Best Lawyers Under 40 by *D Magazine*

## Education

- J.D., Southern Methodist University
- B.A., Rice University

## Courts

- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas

## NEWS

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### DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2021

28 April 2021

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 44 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2021 in the United States and May 1, 2021 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions have been made across many of the firm's practice areas in 33 different offices throughout 17 countries.

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### Two DLA Piper lawyers listed in *D Magazine's* 2021 Best Lawyers Under 40 list

13 January 2021

Crystal Woods, a partner in DLA Piper's Employment practice, and James C. Bookhout, an associate in the firm's Litigation and Regulatory practice, were recently named to *D Magazine's* 2021 Best Lawyers Under 40 list, which recognizes outstanding young lawyers in Dallas.

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