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Banks

Practice Areas

Antitrust & Trade
Regulation

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Franchise & Distribution

Mergers & Acquisitions

Securities & Corporate
Governance

Bar Memberships

Kentucky

Jim concentrates his practice on general business planning and problem solving for private and public companies, the buying and selling of companies and other strategic transactions, antitrust analysis and supply chain design, franchise law and the representation of financial institutions and their directors and advisors.

Other Info About Jim

Experience

Involved in a large number of the intra- and interstate bank reorganizations and acquisitions over the last decade
Serves as a general business counsel for over 30 regional and community financial institutions

Represents purchasing organizations for the restaurant industry

Captain, United States Marine Corps, Vietnam

Education

University of Chicago Law School, J.D., 1974

Yale University, B.A., 1968, *cum laude*

Recognition

Chambers USA, Corporate/M&A, 2008–2025; Senior Statesperson, 2026

Selected for inclusion in *Kentucky Super Lawyers*® 2007–2016

The Best Lawyers in America®, Banking and Finance, 2006–2026,
“Lawyer of the Year,” 2009, 2020, 2025; Corporate, 2006–2026;
Financial Services Regulation, 2011–2026, “Lawyer of the Year,” 2015;
Franchise, 2015–2026; Mergers and Acquisitions, 2007–2026,
“Lawyer of the Year,” 2019, 2025

Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association

Kentucky Bar Association

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Legal Aid Society, Board

Firm Committees

Business/Corporate Department, former Chair

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