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James focuses his practice on environmental and energy law.

Prior to joining the firm, James worked at the Environmental Protection Agency in a few different capacities. Most recently he acted as senior assistant regional counsel, where he was responsible for environmental counseling and enforcement matters under various statutes, including CERCLA, CWA, RCRA, and CAA in both the federal administrative and judicial contexts. He handled complex judicial enforcement matters in the Marcellus Shale sector, oil spill response, accident prevention, and multimedia context. James was the Lead Region III oil enforcement attorney. He also served as special counsel for enforcement and permitting in the Air Protection Division and began his career at EPA during law school as a paralegal specialist.

James earned his bachelor's degree, *cum laude* and with honors, from Franklin and Marshall College. James earned his Masters of Environmental Management from Duke University and he earned his law degree, with honors, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While attending law school, he was the notes editor for the *Journal of Law and Technology*, president of the Environmental Law Project, and a member of the Holderness Moot Court, Environmental Appellate Advocacy Team.

Experience

Represented Spell Capital Partners, LLC in connection with its acquisition of Polar Plastics Inc., a manufacturer of plastic film and low-density polyethylene packaging products based in St. Paul, Minn. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, real estate, intellectual property, employee benefits and executive compensation, labor and employment, and environmental attorneys.

Represented Spell Capital Partners, LLC and its portfolio company, Viking Plastics, in connection with the acquisition of Genesis Plastics and Engineering, LLC and Genesis Plastics Solutions, LLC. Viking Plastics is an injection molding and value-added assembly service provider. With facilities in Jeffersonville and Scottsburg, Ind., Genesis manufactures injection molded parts for the automotive industry. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, real estate, intellectual property, labor and employment, employee benefits and executive compensation, and utilities, environmental, and energy attorneys.

Represented a publicly traded waste management company in the sale of substantially all of its assets, valued at approximately \$80 million, to a private equity fund. This complex transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, employee benefits and executive compensation, labor and employment, commercial litigation, real estate, and utilities, energy, and environmental attorneys.

Practice Areas

- Brownfields Redevelopment
- Environmental Litigation & Enforcement
- Environmental Regulatory & Due Diligence
- Government & Regulatory

Industry Sectors

- Real Estate & Construction

Education

- University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, J.D., 2006
- Duke University, M.E.M., 2003
- Franklin and Marshall College, B.S., 2001

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York
- Pennsylvania

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