James G. Pizzo

ASSOCIATE

James focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation as well as government enforcement and white collar matters.



Practices

Complex Litigation
Government Enforcement & White Collar
False Claims Act Investigations & Litigation

Education

St. John's University School of Law, JD, cum laude, 2022

St. John's University, BS, magna cum laude, 2020

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James has broad complex litigation experience at the federal level, including financial, commercial, criminal, environmental, tort, civil rights, appellate, and intellectual property matters. In the financial litigation space, James has worked on matters involving commercial disputes, fraud, fiduciary liability, lender liability, bankruptcy, and appeals.

Prior to joining ArentFox Schiff, James served as a law clerk for the Honorable Gary R. Brown, US District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Before that, he worked in the New York City office of a national law firm.

While in law school, James interned for the Honorable Gary R. Brown, US District Court for the Eastern District of New York and the Honorable Joanna Seybert, US District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Prior to law school, James interned for the Honorable LeShann DeArcy Hall, US District Court for the Eastern District of New York and the Honorable Tanya R. Kennedy, then Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York (now Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department).

Client Work

James's experience includes:

- Successfully defended award of summary judgment before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of a national produce supplier involving claims arising under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act.
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of commercial lender against claims for aiding and abetting a fraudulent transfer and breach of fiduciary duty.

Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

Publications

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Co-author, “The Paradox of New York’s Commercial Financial Disclosure Law: Will Increased Regulation of Lenders Actually Benefit Borrowers?” *New York Business Law Journal*, Vol. 26, No. 1, PP. 12-14 (2022)

Presentations

- Panelist, “Bridging the Gap: Thriving in an Intergenerational Workplace,” Fordham University School of Law’s course titled “Lawyering Up: Skills for Success in the Legal Profession - Beyond the Books,” taught by the Hon. Tanya R. Kennedy (Oct. 22, 2024)
- Panelist, “Judicial Internships & Clerkships: Demystified,” Federal Bar Association, St. John’s Law Student Chapter (Oct. 2, 2023)

Life Beyond the Law

Outside of work, James has a passion for cooking, a product of his upbringing in his family’s Italian restaurant. He also plays soccer, an interest that began in his childhood when he briefly lived in Liverpool, England. James also enjoys reading science fiction and historical novels.

Bar Admissions

New York

Court Admissions

US District Court, Eastern District of New York

US District Court, Southern District of New York

US Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit

US Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit