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James Cone (“Jim”) is a trial lawyer with experience in more than 30 cases tried to verdict. He is a member of the Trial and Global Disputes specialty team focusing on the trial of products liability cases. Most recently, Jim has served as a second chair trial counsel on behalf of the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in a de-certified class of product liability cases in the State of Florida. In addition to his trial work, he is heavily involved in the management and defense of these cases for R.J. Reynolds.

Jim is a U.S. Army Veteran, completed Army Airborne and Air Assault training, and has interned in the Pentagon. Jim’s legal career began as a Captain in the Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps. One of his first assignments was as a trial counsel/military prosecutor. While in the Army, Jim also spent several years in the Business Law Department at the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command in Warren, Michigan. He has experience with the federal acquisition regulations and government contract law and regularly advised on all areas of federal procurement law including solicitations, contract awards, fiscal law, source selections and bid protests.

Credentials

EDUCATION

J.D., Michigan State University, summa cum laude
B.S., Central Michigan University, summa cum laude

ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
Florida
Georgia
Michigan
Ohio

CLERKSHIPS

Intern, Honorable Richard F. Suhrheinrich, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Recognition

Basic Parachutist Badge (Airborne Wings) and Air Assault Badge

UNITED STATES ARMY

Distinguished Military Graduate (US Army ROTC 1999)

Dean Charles King Fellowship (MSU College of Law Merit Scholarship)

Meritorious Service Medal and Army Commendation Medal, US Army

News

CASES & DEALS

June 19, 2019

K&S Scores Defense Verdict for R.J. Reynolds in First Ever Conspiracy-Only Engle Tobacco Trial

October 11, 2018

R.J. Reynolds Trial Team Wins Engle-Progeny Case Based on Statute of Limitations

PRESS RELEASE

December 5, 2019

King & Spalding Elects 21 New Partners and Promotes Four Counsel Across Eight Offices

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