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After completing his legal training in at GWU in Washington, D.C., James returned to his home state to practice at TraskBritt, where he is now a shareholder. James's studies in mechanical engineering complement his practice's focus: obtaining and enforcing patent rights for mechanical and electromechanical inventions. He has particular expertise in tools for oil and gas exploration, semiconductor packaging, card shufflers, proprietary wagering games, and headphones. James is also an expert in the evolving law on subject-matter eligibility, and contributes to the firm's blog with updates on this topic.

James was elected into the leadership for the IP Section of the Utah Bar in 2016, where he continues to serve. He was awarded Best Oral Advocate at the Giles Rich Moot Court Competition that focuses on patent issues during law school.

Practice Areas: Counseling and Strategic Planning, Designs, International, Litigation, Opinions, Patents, Trademark, Transactional and Licensing

Technical Expertises: Computers, Software, and Information Technology, Internet and E-Commerce, Materials Science, Mechanical and Aerospace, Medical Devices, Nanotechnology, Optical Technology

Areas of Special Expertise

- Coordinating worldwide intellectual property protection

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- Infringement, validity, enforceability, and freedom-to-operate evaluations
 - Oil and gas exploration and production technologies
 - Post-grant proceedings, including reissue, reexamination, and inter partes review
 - Semiconductor device design, packaging, and fabrication
 - Sporting goods
 - Technology evaluation and invention identification
 - Wagering games and supporting devices

Bar Admissions

- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- Utah Bar

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Utah
- U.S. District Court for the District of Utah

Community and Professional Organizations

- Pi Tau Sigma International Mechanical Engineering Honor Society
- Vice Chair, Utah State Bar, Intellectual Property Section

Education

- The George Washington University Law School
- University of Utah, B.S. Mechanical Engineering

Languages

- Italian

Prior Professional Experience

- Engineering Intern, Kennecott Utah Copper
- Mediator and Clinic Director, The George Washington University Law School Consumer Mediation Clinic
- Dean's Fellow, The George Washington University Law School Legal Research and Writing Program