



James B. Irwin

Member

400 Poydras Street, Suite 2700
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130
jirwin@irwinllc.com
504.310.2105
504.310.2101 fax

Practice Description

Jim concentrates his practice on pharmaceutical and medical device, mass torts, and complex litigation. His practice has also focused on products liability, insurance defense, environmental, personal injury, and construction litigation. His general experience with trial and appellate practice in commercial litigation includes anti-trust litigation, civil rights, oil and gas, and all phases of property damage construction litigation with emphasis in roofing litigation. His labor relations experience includes representing and advising management in union representation elections, and defense of employment discrimination and unfair labor practice claims at all administrative, trial, and appellate levels. Jim's Martindale-Hubbell rating is AV®.

Jim's mass tort, complex litigation and class action experience includes Pedicle Screws: National Coordinating Counsel; Propulsid: National Liaison Counsel; Zirconia Hips: National Counsel; Fen/Phen Diet Drugs: Regional Trial Counsel; Latex Gloves: Regional Trial Counsel; Municipal Hand Gun Litigation: Louisiana Counsel; Sulzer Hips: Louisiana Counsel; Cell Phones: National Coordinating Counsel; Blood Product: Hemophilia and AIDS- Louisiana Trial Counsel; Vitamin Antitrust: Louisiana Trial Counsel; Asbestos: Louisiana Trial Counsel; Pesticides: Louisiana Trial Counsel; Reyes Syndrome: Regional Trial Counsel; Termiticides: Louisiana Trial Counsel; Insecticides: Louisiana Trial Counsel; Sutures: Louisiana Trial Counsel; Welding Rods: Louisiana Trial Counsel.

Jim has also handled numerous, individual pharmaceutical and medical device cases involving such products as: anti-depressants, antibiotics, vaccines, patches, knee replacements, hip replacements, stents, diabetes drugs, opiod painkillers, IBS drugs, migraine drugs, anti-organ transplant rejection drugs, and others.

Affiliations, Activities, and Accomplishments

Jim is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, the New Orleans Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the International Association of Defense Counsel, and the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel. He is also a member of the New Orleans Association of Defense Counsel, the Federation of Insurance and Corporate Counsel, and the Defense Research Institute (State Representative, 1992–1999).

Jim is admitted to practice before all Louisiana and Ohio state courts, the United States Supreme Court, United States Courts of Appeals for the Third, Fifth, and Eleventh Circuits, and the United States District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana. Jim has appeared in Administrative Proceedings before the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Louisiana Department of Employment Security, and the National Labor Relations Board.

*CV, BV, and AV are registered certification marks of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell certification procedures, standards, and policies.

Following graduation, Jim served two years as a law clerk for United States District Judge Nauman S. Scott in Alexandria, Louisiana. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He served as President of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel from 2000-2001. Jim has also been a guest lecturer at Louisiana Judicial College, Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, Louisiana State University School of Medicine, Tulane School of Medicine, and Washington University School of Medicine

Education

Jim received his B.A. (1969) from Kenyon College, where he majored in Philosophy. He received his J.D. (1973) from Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

Military Service

Jim served in the United States Marine Corps from 1970 to 1976.

Honors

Jim has been recognized by many of the leading peer-review publications in the legal profession, including: “The Best Lawyers in America”** in the areas of Personal Injury Litigation and Product Liability Litigation by Best Lawyers, “America’s Leading Lawyers for Business” by Chambers USA, as well as “Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America” by Lawdragon. Jim has been listed as an outstanding attorney in The International Who’s Who of Products Liability Lawyers, Louisiana Super Lawyers, and New Orleans CityBusiness 50 Leaders in Law. He was listed by New Orleans Magazine as one of the Top Lawyers in the New Orleans area in 2009, based on his work in the fields of Litigation, Products Liability, and Drug & Medical Device Litigation.

** Copyright 2008 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken, S.C.