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OVERVIEW

James S. Daniel is Senior Litigation Counsel in the Tulsa Office of GRSM. He focuses his practice on healthcare litigation, long-term care negligence for insurers and self-insured clients, medical malpractice defense, personal injury, employment-related matters including employment discrimination, wrongful termination, and violation of wage and hour law, and workers' compensation defense.

James's insurance defense practice includes insurance coverage disputes and bad faith litigation, general liability defense, wrongful death and catastrophic injury actions, automotive negligence, premises liability, negligent security, and product liability. He also represents businesses and individual clients in disputes arising from contractual relationships and torts.

For his first ten years as an attorney, James represented carriers and insurance companies as well as individual employers for workers' compensation defense. He became a partner at an Oklahoma City insurance defense law firm where he also handled Medicare Qui Tam, and securities fraud defense. Prior to joining GRSM, he worked for a large civil defense firm in Tulsa and was Senior Litigation Counsel

to a midstream pipeline inspection and performance testing company providing services to the energy and municipal water industries. There, he managed outside counsel on cases pertaining to personal injury, wrongful death actions, and workers' compensation claims. His practice involved defending breach of contract matters, employment agreements, and misuse of confidential information. James defended claims and demands made by employees/employer in arbitration through the American Arbitration Association (AAA) and has defended over 60 claims involving the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), eventually settling all of the claims outstanding after protracted litigation.

James has experience handling construction and engineering defect claims, negligence matters, insurance defense, and has appeared before the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Appellate Panel on behalf of insurers and insureds. His prior (non-law) experience also includes managing a family farm in Webster Parish, Louisiana, where he ranched registered Black Angus cattle, planted and improved 2,500 pecan trees and approximately 17,000 pine trees for production and harvesting, was a Corrections Officer at Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, LA, and has more recently appeared as an extra in Martin Scorsese's epic motion picture, Killers of the Flower Moon.

James received his Juris Doctor from the University of Tulsa College of Law in 1999 and Bachelor of Arts in American History from Louisiana State University in 1992.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Notable Published Cases

- Celestica v. Hines; 2004 OK CIV APP 22; 86 P.3d 1095
- Haywood v. Keco; 2005 WC 100925
- Lucent Technologies v. Celestica et. al.; 2004 WC-101555
- Donald Earl Deweese, et. al. v. Patterson UTI Drilling; 2010 229 P.3d 540
- Smith v. Southwestern Bell; 2007 WC-105197
- OPUBCO, et. al v. Barnard, et. al; WC-102515
- Harman, et. al. v. Contract Manufacturing; WC-107222
- United States vs Hagstrom et. al.; No. CR-04-120-R (W.D. Okla. 2004)
- Guillermet, et. al. v. Secretary of Education; 341 F. Supp. 2d 682 (E.D. Michigan); Lead Attorney for Plaintiff Glenn Edgemon
- Torabi vs Ford Homes, et.al; CJ-2016-1562 (Tulsa County District Court); Lead Trial Attorney; Jury verdict for clients

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Oklahoma

- U.S. District Court, Eastern, Northern, and Western Districts of Oklahoma
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

Education

- J.D., University of Tulsa College of Law, 1999
- B.A., American History, Louisiana State University, 1992