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#### **Education**

J.D. from South Texas College of Law Houston *summa* cum laude

B.B.A. from The University of Texas School of Law with honors

#### **Bar Admissions**

Texas

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit United States Court of Federal Claims United States District Court for the Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas

#### **Related Practices**

Litigation
Appellate
Director & Officer Litigation
Financial Institution Litigation
Insolvency Litigation

#### **Related Industries**

Financial Services Insurance

## **Overview**

Jim's practice focuses on commercial litigation including a concentration on representation of state court and federal equity receivers, director and officer litigation, financial services representation, lender liability defense and creditors' rights. Jim has substantial experience representing both State and Federal receivers appointed in securities fraud cases.

He has more than 15 years of experience in representing financial institutions consisting of commercial mortgage lenders and servicers, national banks and insurance companies. Prior to joining Munsch Hardt, Jim worked at two globally based large law firms in their Dallas and Houston offices, and prior to beginning his legal career, Jim worked in the commercial loan division of several large Texas banks.



Real Estate
Technology & Telecommunications

#### **Memberships**

Dallas Bar Association, Bankruptcy & Commercial Law, Business Litigation, Tort & Insurance and Trial Skills Sections

National Association of Federal Equity Receivers State Bar of Texas, Litigation Section

# **Experience**

## **Director & Officer Litigation**

Represented the liquidating trust of a bankrupt public telecommunications company in a suit against the company's officers and directors. The claims were for breach of fiduciaries duties. The case resulted in a very favorable settlement prior to trial.

## **Insolvency Litigation**

Represented a court-appointed receiver in a suit involving fraudulently transferred and removed assets, including a 55-foot yacht that was located Mexico. Numerous assets, including the yacht, a bank account located in Benin, Africa and numerous real properties were recovered prior to trial.

# **Insolvency Litigation**

Represented a court-appointed receiver in an SEC enforcement action where numerous oil and gas assets were recovered, and successfully sold, after litigation to clear title. Several million dollars were recovered and returned to the defrauded investors.

# **Trustee Representation**

Represented the liquidating trustee for a company in relation to a Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) enforcement action seeking to recover brokerage commissions paid for the sale of worthless securities. The claims were for fraudulent conveyance and negligent misrepresentation. A substantial settlement was reached prior to trial.



### **Trustee Representation**

Represented a liquidating trustee in a SEC enforcement action against a regional bank for breach of an escrow agreement. The claims involved breach of an escrow agreement and aiding and abetting fraud. A multi-million dollar settlement was reached prior to trial.

#### **FTC Receivership Action**

Represented a court-appointed receiver in an FTC enforcement action. The claims were against the owners of an internet company, which fraudulently misrepresented employment opportunities. A substantial settlement was reach prior to trial.

## Newsroom

**Speech**: Hotel Receiverships / Receivership Sales Panel

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**Speech**: A Pocket Guide To Texas Receiverships

**Article**: Turnover Orders and Special Proceedings

Speech: Receiverships and Bankruptcies - What's Changed

**Speech**: Legal Issues in the Texas Hospitality Industry

Speech: Basic Receivership Law/Concepts