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For more than 40 years, national and international clients from a wide range of industries have relied on Jim Doran for representation in complex commercial and contract disputes, products liability litigation and insurance coverage disputes. His experience spans the automotive, chemical, pharmaceutical, insurance, healthcare and real estate industries. Jim has successfully defended attorneys, physicians and dentists in professional liability and malpractice lawsuits. He also represents both insurers and insureds in insurance disputes involving issues related to:

- Commercial and general liability coverage
- Directors and officers liability coverage
- Professional liability coverage

Pharmaceutical companies, medical device manufacturers, and other corporate clients turn to Jim for counsel when they are faced with complex products liability claims. Jim served as National Settlement Counsel for Bayer in PPA mass tort litigation, and he has earned a reputation for success in high-profile products liability cases involving asbestos, breast implants, latex gloves, bone fixation devices and products such as , DES, Fen-Phen, Baycol, Vioxx, Fosamax, Gadolinium, Trasyolol, Ketek, Yaz/Yazmin and ReNu litigation.

Known for his intellectual curiosity, Jim enjoys tackling complicated issues and presenting them in a relatable way.

Chambers USA recognizes Jim as a leading attorney in commercial litigation. Additionally, Best Lawyers lists Jim in four categories of top practitioners: Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants, and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants. Furthermore, Jim has been named Nashville's 2013 "Lawyer of the Year" by *Best Lawyers in America* for Product Liability Litigation-Defendants, and was recently listed as a "2017 Mid-South Super Lawyer."

Education

- J.D., University of Tennessee, 1968
- B.S., Tennessee Technological University, 1966

Bar Admissions

- Tennessee

Court Admissions

- United States Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth and Eighth Circuits
- U.S. District Court, All Districts of Tennessee

Experience

- Represented manufacturers, suppliers, and retail sellers of pharmaceuticals for treatment of a variety of conditions, ranging from acute pain to cancer
- Defended claims involving products ranging from percutaneous gastrostomy catheters to prosthetics and various bone fixation devices
- Assisted clients in the design and implementation of national settlement programs for the resolution of mass torts
- Obtained defense verdicts in malpractice suits filed against attorneys, dentists and oral surgeons
- Successfully defended chemical, herbicide and pesticide manufacturers, suppliers and applicators in a variety of chemical injury claims
- Successfully argued before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit a novel legal argument that a lessor was entitled to payment of rent in gold coin based upon the gold clause in a 1917 commercial lease, whose terms were included in a 1990 assignment, resulting in excess of a 15-fold increase in annual rental payments over 25 years
- Appellate experience in the Tennessee appellate courts, the Sixth and Eighth Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court, including filing briefs for Amicus Curiae in the Supreme Court.

Professional

- Member, IADC, where he has served as:
 - Member, Executive Committee
 - Faculty Member and Director, IADC Trial Academy
 - Chairman, Product Liability Committee
- Member, DRI, where he has served as:
 - Member, Board of Directors
 - Chair, Amicus Curiae Committee
- Member, American Board of Trial Advocates
- Emeritus Member, Harry Phillips American Inns of Court
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
 - Past Chair, Tennessee State Committee
- Fellow, International Society of Barristers
- Fellow, International Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Member, Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association, where he has served as:
 - Member, Board of Directors
 - President
- Member, American, Tennessee, and Nashville Bar Associations, where he has served as:
 - President, NBA
 - Member, NBA Board of Directors

- Chair, Merit Selection Panel for United States Magistrate Judge
- Member, Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Panel for the Middle District of Tennessee
- Chair, Advisory Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure
- Rule 31 Listed General Civil Mediator

Prior Affiliations

- Partner, Manier, Herod, Hollabaugh & Smith, Nashville, Tennessee, 1970-1998

Up Close

Jim's personal interests include sailing, cycling, and travel. He and his wife have enjoyed sailing trips along the eastern seaboard and have taken bike trips in Italy, France, and New Zealand.

Articles

- "Don't Try to Hide It: The Duty to Supplement Deposition Testimony" by Robert Boston and James Doran on Waller @Work
- "Don't Try to Hide It: The Duty to Supplement Deposition Testimony," co-authored by Robert Boston and Jimmy Doran, Waller @ Work
- "Recently Issued Opinions of Interest to Product Liability Lawyers from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit," by Jim Doran, IADC Newsletter

Events

- 2014 Hospitality & Tourism Law Symposium
- "Comment to the Civil Rules Advisory Committee re: FRCP 37(e)," Jim Doran and Tera Rica Murdock, Collaborators with the Lawyers for Civil Justice Federal Rules Effort



