



## **JAMES C. POLKINGHORN**

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### Service Focus

- Litigation and Trials

### Industry Focus

- Education
- Manufacturing

# OVERVIEW

Jim is a partner in the Fort Lauderdale office and Deputy General Counsel to Fisher Phillips, serving primarily as the firm's Ethics Counsel. With many years of complex litigation and trial experience-- having tried more than 30 cases to juries throughout Florida and elsewhere in the United States-- Jim also consults with firm lawyers on litigation and trial strategy.

He is also a certified mediator, which gives him a practical perspective on litigation strategy. Jim is "AV" Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2009.

He was also included in the 2012 edition of South Florida's Top Rated Lawyers, presented by Legal Leaders and the 2015 and 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers Florida*. Furthermore, Jim was nominated by *Corporate Counsel* to the BTI Client Services All-Stars 2015.

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## Recent Experience

- Thousand Member Class Action Dismissed on Appeal of Certification Order
- State Trial Judge Grants Directed Verdict for Defendant at Close of Plaintiff's Evidence in Workers' Compensation Retaliation Trial
- Arbitrator Rules in Favor of International Media Company in Contract Dispute with Company Founder

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## Credentials

### Education

- University of Florida, Levin College of Law, J.D., with honors, 1983
- University of Florida, B.A., with honors, Phi Beta Kappa, 1980

### Bar Admissions

- Florida

## Court Admissions

- Florida Supreme Court
  - U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
  - U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
  - U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
  - U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
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## Recognitions

- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* (2011 – 2026)
  - "AV" Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
  - Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*, Lawyer of the Year - Labor Law - Management (2022)
  - Included in the 2012 edition of South Florida's Top Rated Lawyers, presented by Legal Leaders
  - Listed in the *Florida Super Lawyers* (2015-present)
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## Affiliations

### Professional Activities

- Jim is active in the Litigation and Labor and Employment Sections of the ABA. He also actively participates in professional mediator organizations.

### Community Activities

- Jim is a Life Member of the University of Florida Alumni Association and actively participates in the organization's activities. He is also an active member of Gator Boosters of Key West and the Sigma Chi Fraternity Alumni Association.

# INSIGHTS

**Event**

**Jun 10, 2022**

Fisher Phillips South Florida Annual Seminar – The Great Transformation: Rethinking the Workplace and Your Role

**News**

**Aug 19, 2021**

Fisher Phillips Attorneys Receive Top Honors in Best Lawyers in America®

**News**

**Aug 20, 2020**

Fisher Phillips Attorneys Receive Top Honors in Best Lawyers in America®

**News**

**Aug 15, 2019**

Best Lawyers in America® Honors 96 Fisher Phillips Attorneys in 2020 Edition

**News**

**Aug 15, 2018**

Ninety-Five Fisher Phillips Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers in America 2019

**News**

**Aug 15, 2017**

Eighty-Nine Fisher Phillips Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers in America 2018