



# James R. Oswald

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## PRACTICE AREAS

### Litigation

Products Liability/Toxic  
Tort/Mass Torts

Complex & Business  
Litigation

Appellate

## EDUCATION

New York University (J.D.,  
1991)

University of Michigan  
(B.A., Phi Beta Kappa,  
1983)

Universite d'Aix-Marseille  
(France) (1981-82)

## ADMISSIONS

Rhode Island

Connecticut

New York

Maine

District of Columbia

U.S. District Court,  
District of Rhode Island

U.S. District Court,  
District of Connecticut

U.S. District Court,  
Southern and Eastern

## OVERVIEW

Jim solves problems for people in crisis, representing entities and individuals in complex litigation in Rhode Island and other New England jurisdictions.

He brings to his practice - in [commercial litigation](#), asbestos defense, and [toxic tort defense](#) - over 30 years of high-profile trial and appellate experience. Jim also is a member of the firm's Appellate Group.

Tenacious in finding creative solutions to his clients' most difficult problems, Jim has decades of experience defending national companies in hundreds of asbestos-related injury cases in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Maine. He also serves as National Coordinating Counsel for a large multi-national company, actively managing thousands of asbestos-related cases in a dozen jurisdictions.

Jim is fluent in French.

## HONORS

- *Best Lawyers' 2022* Lawyer of the Year, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants, Providence.
- Selected by his peers for 8 consecutive years for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America®* in the field of Mass Tort / Class Actions - Defendants, 2015 -2024.
- *Best Lawyers' 2015* Lawyer of the Year, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants, Providence. Jim was one of 14 lawyers in New England who won "Lawyer of the Year" the very first year selected to *Best Lawyers in America®*.
- New York University School of Law Moot Court Board winner of a prestigious national

Districts of New York

moot court competition.

- Selected as a Rhode Island *Super Lawyer*, 2008-2019.