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Jim is a veteran trial lawyer who understands the business of his financial service provider and public company clients. He helps them resolve difficult disputes with shareholders, regulators, and competitors by using creative, cost-effective strategies and, when necessary, taking cases to trial and winning.

Jim has more than 30 years of experience representing public companies, banks, mortgage lenders, insurance companies, investment banks, and broker-dealers in litigated disputes in federal and state courts as well as before regulatory agencies, particularly the SEC. Jim is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and has extensive first-chair trial experience in federal and state courts, as well as in arbitration forums (including FINRA, AAA, and UNCITRAL) and before regulatory agencies.

Jim is Co-Chair of the Class Action Practice Group. His practice focuses on all aspects of financial services litigation, including class actions, shareholder derivative actions, claims related to mortgage-backed securities, securities arbitrations (customer and intra-industry), tender offer defense, and regulatory investigations and enforcement actions.

Select Experience

- **In Re St. Jude Medical, Inc.** Represented publicly held medical device manufacturer in securities fraud class action.
- **Baker v. NavSeeker.** Represented two U.K. companies named as aiders and abettors in Chancery Court breach of fiduciary duty shareholder derivative claim against Delaware affiliate.
- **Allstate v. Residential Funding.** Represented multiple entities and individuals accused of fraud in connection with issuance and sale of residential mortgage-backed securities.
- **In re Taxable Municipal Bonds Securities Litigation.** Represented issuer of defaulted municipal bonds in multi-billion dollar consolidated securities fraud class actions.

Education

- Northwestern University (B.A., English, 1979)
- Columbia Law School (J.D., 1984)
 - Stone Scholar
 - Articles Editor, Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems, 1983-1984

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan
- U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits

Professional Affiliations

- Qualified Civil Neutral under Minn. R. Gen Prac. 114
- Member, ABA and MSBA
- Arbitrator for FINRA
- Member, Association of Fraternal Benefit Counsel

Clerkships

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, Judge Charles Metzner, 1984–1985

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2021-2026
- *Minnesota Lawyer*, Legal 250, 2026
- *Chambers USA*, Litigation: General Commercial, Minnesota, 2017-2026
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*®, 2008, 2019-2026
- *Minnesota Monthly*, "Top Lawyers in Minnesota," 2024-2026
- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program
- Dorsey & Whitney – Scales of Justice Team Award (Housing Team), 2025
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*®, "Top 100 Minnesota Attorneys," 2024
- *Minnesota Lawyer*, The POWER 30: Business Litigation, 2021-2022, 2024
- *Benchmark Litigation*, "Local Litigation Star – Minnesota" by 2015-2019, 2021-2022, 2024
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2017-2018, 2022-2023
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Rated AV Preeminent® by [Martindale-Hubbell](#)®

Select Presentations

- Jim is a frequent CLE lecturer on topics ranging from Class Actions to Legal Writing.

Insights

June 22, 2021

**Not so Fast in Certifying Class: Supreme Court Holds That Courts Must Consider
Generality of Alleged Misstatements in Deciding Whether to Certify Securities
Fraud Class**

September 19, 2019

**Preparing for LIBOR Substitution-Commercial and Consumer Lending
Considerations**

March 8, 2019

**Second Circuit Affirms Dismissal of “Creative Attempt to Recast Corporate
Mismanagement as Securities Fraud”**

July 16, 2018

Dorsey Partner Jim Langdon Comments on Auditor Liability

January 5, 2018

Dorsey Partner Jim Langdon Comments on FDIC Win Against PwC

January 3, 2018

Voices The FDIC vs. PwC: Scapegoating the auditors is the wrong move

January 6, 2017

Dorsey Partner Jim Langdon Comments on FINRA's Priorities Letter

Jim Langdon has written a variety of articles for numerous legal publications.