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Jim is a veteran trial lawyer with more than 30 years of experience representing public companies, banks, mortgage lenders, insurance companies, investment banks, and broker-dealers facing high-stakes litigation in federal court, state court, and before financial regulators.

Jim helps financial services clients resolve complex disputes with shareholders, regulators, and competitors through creative, cost-effective litigation strategies – and when necessary, by taking cases to trial and winning.

A Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Jim brings extensive first-chair trial experience in federal and state courts, arbitration forums, including Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), American Arbitration Association (AAA), and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) – and before regulatory agencies, including the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

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

Select Experience

- **CF Holdings v. Freeze-Dried Holdings.** Representing plaintiff challenging conduct of private equity fund financing transactions.
- **In Re TigerRisk Partners and Howden Capital Strategies.** Representing insurance company in litigation involving alleged aiding and abetting fraud and related claims arising from the collapse of a property and casualty insurer.
- **Bremer Financial v. Otto Bremer Trust.** Represented trust in effort to sell bank in multi-forum litigation brought by bank and its board to avoid sale; after nearly five years, litigation resolved and bank sold.

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

- **In Re Neogen Corporation.** Represented various officers and directors in putative securities class action litigation alleging misstatements related to the integration of a business acquired through a merger transaction involving 3M Company.

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, American Bar Association
- Member, Minnesota State Bar Association
- Arbitrator, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (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*®, Commercial Litigation, Banking and Finance Litigation, Securities Litigation, 2021-2027
- *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
- *Benchmark Litigation*, “Local Litigation Star – Minnesota” by 2015-2019, 2021-2022, 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
- 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.