



JAMES T. HOWARD

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James is a business attorney with practice experience in a wide range of sectors. James has helped small companies, start-ups, and large multi-state and international enterprises with a number of issues including entity formation, investment, financing, target acquisition, and company sales. Importantly, James also provides assistance in operational matters affecting businesses on a day-to-day basis, such as employee/consultant issues and vendor/customer contract negotiation.

James has specific experience in providing counsel to technology-based companies and has devoted a large portion of his practice to the telecommunications industry. James prides himself in learning and understanding the technology that underlies this industry and has experience drafting and negotiating right-of-way arrangements, office, POP, and tower leases/licenses, dark fiber agreements, customer service/capacity agreements (including grant-funded), and technology vendor contracts.

James also has specific experience in providing counsel to credit unions and has experience structuring the operation of credit unions, addressing the myriad of regulatory issues affecting credit unions on a daily basis, and negotiating key vendor contracts.

James has a passion for Texas business law and clean, simple contract drafting. He teaches regular small business law classes for the City of Austin's Small Business Development Center and Austin Community College, and runs a website, <https://www.texasbusinesscounsel.com/>, providing free access to the basic legal forms businesses need to start and run efficiently.

Above all, James's practice is focused on one thing: his clients. James strives to be responsive, available, timely, and, of course, effective.

Estate Planning, Wills, Trusts & Probate

Banking & Finance

Business Formation

Commercial Contracts

Construction

Energy

Mergers & Acquisitions

Public Utilities & Telecommunications

Real Estate

Tax, Trusts & Estates

Utilities

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas, 2011

James T. Howard
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Affiliations

Civic & Professional

State Bar of Texas, Business Law Section

Travis County Bar Association

Austin Bar Association

Austin Young Lawyers Association

News

5 \ DECEMBER \ 2022

James Howard Closes Deal for Consolidated Communications

18 \ MARCH \ 2022

Naman Howell Attorney James Howard Leads Agreement for Consolidated Communications

Publications

Where Do We Go From Here?: A Survey of Series LLCs in Texas in Light of the Federal Tax Classification for the Organization, 63 Baylor L. Rev. 850

A Kink in the Shield: Evanston Insurance Co. v. Dillard's Department Store Inc. and the State of Limited Liability for Limited Liability Partnerships in Texas, 63 Baylor L. Rev. 268

EDUCATION

Baylor University School of Law,
J.D., 2011

- *cum laude*
- Dean's Academic Scholarship
- William R. Trail Award
- William J. Boswell Memorial Award
- Jerry L. Beane Award for Excellence in Legal Writing
- Baylor Law Review, Executive Editor, 2009 – 2011

Louisiana State University
Shreveport, B.A. in Political
Science, 2008

- *magna cum laude*
- International Lincoln Foundation Fellow