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OVERVIEW

James is an Associate in WH Burkley's Litigation and Real Estate Groups. His practice focuses on real estate tax assessment appeals and general litigation matters. He also has experience in real estate tax collection, real estate tax exemption, and consumer bankruptcy proceedings.

James has successfully handled thousands of commercial and residential tax assessment appeals in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania (and throughout the broader region), representing both taxing bodies and property owners. James's tax assessment appeal experience includes working with numerous property types, including office buildings, hotels, banks, hospitals, apartment buildings, student housing, low-income housing, and retail stores.

EXPERIENCE

- \$35 million reduction in fair market value on behalf of a shopping mall in the region
- \$213,000 tax refund for a recreational facility in Allegheny County through a tax assessment appeal

RECOGNITION

- *Super Lawyers* – Real Estate “Rising Star” | 2017-present
- *Best Lawyers* – Real Estate | 2025-present

ASSOCIATIONS

- Allegheny County Bar Association | Member

EDUCATION

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D.
- Robert Morris University, B.S., B.A.

FOCUS

- Real Estate

NEWS

- WH Burkley Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers 2027 Edition

LICENSED

- Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

OFFICE

- Pittsburgh