



## James Waters

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**James concentrates his practice on representing lenders, private equity sponsors, and public and private companies in a wide variety of complex financing transactions.**

James advises his clients in making a variety of debt and equity investments, including syndicated financings, secured and unsecured debt, mezzanine and second lien financings and equity co-investments. His experience spans a broad range of industries, including health care, technology, professional services, and manufacturing. He leverages his additional experience in mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and general corporate matters in structuring creative solutions for his clients.

## Recent Experience

Kainos Capital's Acquisition of Nutrisystem

Acquisition of Certain Fracturing and Intellectual Property Assets of BJ Services

# Recognitions

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Corporate Law (2021–2024)
  - *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Banking and Finance Law, 2024
  - *Legal 500 U.S.*, Key Lawyer (2021)
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# Activities

- Alumni Ambassador, Foundation for Sustainable Development
  - Member, American Bar Association
  - Member, North Carolina Bar Association
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# Credentials

## EDUCATION

James received his B.S. from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He earned his J.D., *summa cum laude*, and his LL.M. in International and Comparative Law, *summa cum laude*, from Duke University School of Law where he was a Mordecai Scholar and the Senior Notes Editor for the *Duke Law Journal*.

## ADMISSIONS

- Texas

# Related Insights & News

- *A Comparative Analysis of Public and Private Political Risk Insurance Policies with Strategic Applications for Risk Mitigation*, 25 *Duke Journal of Comparative and International Law* 361 (2015)
  - *Achieving World Trade Organization Compliance for Export Processing Zones While Maintaining Economic Competitiveness for Developing Countries*, 63 *Duke Law Journal* 481 (2013)
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## RECOGNITIONS

Winston Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* 2024

AUGUST 17, 2023

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## RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* 2022

AUGUST 19, 2021

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Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 U.S.* 2021

JUNE 10, 2021

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Winston & Strawn Attorneys Recognized in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch 2021

AUGUST 20, 2020

## Capabilities

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Transactions

Finance

Debt Finance

Private Equity

Financial Services