

## James Boyd Lawyer - Class Actions

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James is an associate lawyer in the class actions department. His practice is focused on class action litigation, including medical and product liability class actions.

### Education

Juris Doctor, with Distinction, Western University (2018)

Bachelor of Arts, with Honours, Toronto Metropolitan University (2009)

Called to the Bar in Ontario, 2019; British Columbia, 2022

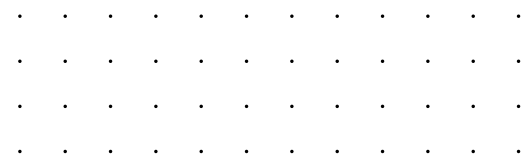
## About

James is an associate lawyer in the class actions department. His practice is focused on class action litigation, including complex product liability and medical class actions. He summered and articulated with Siskinds prior to his call to the Bar in 2019.

James received his J.D. from Western University, where he was the recipient of numerous awards including the A.B. Siskind Scholarship for achieving the highest standing in the third year of the J.D. program. He was also part of two national championship-winning oral advocacy teams. He received the First Place Oralist award at the 2017 Willms & Shier Environmental Law Moot from a panel led by Supreme Court of Canada Justice Malcolm Rowe, and he coached Western to victory at the 2018 Warren K. Winkler Class Actions Moot.

In addition to maintaining a full-time litigation practice, in recent years James has served as an adjunct for Western University's Faculty of Law, where he has been coaching Western Law students representing the school at various national moot competitions including at the Class Actions Moot and the Environmental Law Moot. Currently, James is the coach for Western's participants in the Laskin Moot, which is Canada's national administrative and constitutional law moot and the only national moot argued in both English and French.

Prior to pursuing a legal career, James owned and operated a corporate video production company in Toronto for five years, worked in the finance division of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and spent a year teaching English to 6th graders in Kuwait. He is a proud parent of two girls.



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### Memberships and Associations

- Law Society of British Columbia, Member
- Law Society of Ontario, Member
- Middlesex Law Association, Member

### Community Involvement

Western University - Faculty of Law, Lecturer  
Forest City Film Festival, Board Director  
London Youth Advisory Council, former Board Director

### Awards & Recognition

James Boyd has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers™: Ones to Watch in Canada 2025*.

### Other Languages

French

### Publication and Speaking

- “Collateral Benefits: Defending the Causal Rationale” (2018), University of Toronto Faculty of Law Review (76 UT Fac L Rev 92)
- “A Statutory Solution to Ontario’s Environmental Class Action Problem: Section 99(2) of the Environmental Protection Act” (2019), Canadian Class Action Review (14:2 Can Class Action Rev 421)

### In the News

James has appeared in the following news articles, segments, and publications:

- November 8, 2023 - Droit-Inc, “Une demande d’action collective a été intentée contre un fabricant de médicaments qui aurait vendu des produits sans prévenir les clients des risques d’utilisation...” written by Marie-ève Buisson.
- November 2, 2023 - CTV News Vancouver segment, “Proposed class action lawsuit filed against Canadian maker of popular weight loss drug Ozempic,” by Shannon Paterson. James reveals that numerous Canadians have reported side effects from using Ozempic and have reached out to Siskinds LLP about their experiences.
- July 4, 2023 - The London Free Press, “London law firm seeks OxyContin addicts after \$20M settlement,” written by Jennifer Bieman. James highlights the \$20-million settlement in a class action for those affected by OxyContin and OxyNEO addiction, marking a significant milestone for class members and the firm after 16 years.
- July 22, 2020 - Law Times, “Amended law on class actions adds predominance and superiority to certification requirements,” written by Bernise Carolino. James addresses how the amended Act may restrict the public’s ability to pursue class actions regarding several important subjects, including medical liability and systemic negligence cases.