

# James A. Prather, Director

## Overview



James A. Prather is a partner (director) in the firm of Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith. James earned his Juris Doctorate from Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans, Louisiana. After receiving his Juris Doctorate degree in 1990, James began his career in New Orleans practicing property and casualty defense litigation. His practice areas grew to include insurance coverage litigation, construction defect litigation, maritime defense litigation, and defense of the transportation industry. James works with clients to develop policy forms for

commercial and property lines for both property and liability policies. He represents insurers in first and third-party insurance disputes concerning commercial and personal lines property claims. James is admitted to practice before all Louisiana trial and appellate courts, as well as the United States District Court for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana, and the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit.

James serves as General Counsel for the Louisiana Surplus Lines Association and is a member of the Louisiana Surplus Lines Advisory Council, Legislative Affairs Committee for WSIA (Wholesale & Specialty Insurance Association), the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, the Louisiana Claims Association, the Louisiana Bar Association, the Defense Research Institute, the Maritime Law Association of the United States, and the American Trucking Association. James is also a former member of the AAMGA Governmental Affairs Committee before its recent merger with NAPSLO. James has devoted his practice to the representation of business and insurance interests in Louisiana. He has been honored by his colleagues in the Bar and members of the Bench with an (“AV”) rating from Martindale-Hubbell, which is the highest rating available to practicing attorneys. James was also recognized in the 2019 and 2020 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.



## Education

- Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans, Louisiana, J.D, 1990
- Northeast Louisiana University, Bachelor of Arts degree, 1986

## Admissions

- All Louisiana trial and appellate courts

- U.S. District Court, Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

## Associations

- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- Wholesale & Specialty Insurance Association (WSIA)
- Louisiana Bar Association
- Louisiana Surplus Lines Advisory Council
- Louisiana Surplus Lines Association (LSLA)
- Professional Insurance Agents of Louisiana (PIA)
- Louisiana Claims Association – New Orleans and North Shore Chapters
- American Trucking Association
- Maritime Law Association of the United States

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## Practices

- Insurance Defense & Coverage
- Construction
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- Maritime & Admiralty
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- Trucking & Transportation
- Environmental & Toxic Tort
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- Retail & Restaurant

## Industries

- Amusements, Sports, and Recreation
- Construction

- Insurance
- Maritime & Admiralty
- Retail & Restaurant
- Trucking & Transportation