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Jim Brodzik represents clients in a wide range of litigation matters. His experience includes life, health and disability litigation, both ERISA and non-ERISA, as well as clients involved in Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) and other consumer protection related suits. He also defends professionals—including doctors, lawyers, and accountants—facing claims of malpractice and negligence. Jim has handled numerous class action and personal injury cases. He also has extensive experience in areas of products liability, premises liability, and toxic tort defense where his representative matters extend from Fortune 500 companies to local municipalities and schools.

In addition to handling numerous cases in the United States District Courts of Illinois, Jim also has litigated several cases in United States District Courts in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and North Dakota.

Jim began his career at Hinshaw as a summer associate and began practicing with the firm just over a year later. He is the Partner in Charge of Hinshaw's St. Louis office.

Before embarking on his legal career, Jim was a data analyst for ShopperTrak LLC, in Chicago.

In addition to his academic accomplishments, Jim was involved in a number of activities and associations during law school. He served as a member and committee leader of the Disaster Relief Legal Association.

Professional Affiliations

- Illinois State Bar Association
- St. Clair County Bar Association

Honors & Awards

- Professional
 - Selected by his peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* for Commercial Litigation, 2024; Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, 2023 – 2024
 - Recognized as an "Emerging Lawyer" by *Leading Lawyers Magazine*, 2017 – 2019

Practices

Commercial Litigation
Consumer Financial Services
Life, Health, Disability & ERISA Litigation
Professional Liability

Industries

Health Care Defense

Education

J.D., *cum laude*, Western Michigan University Cooley Law School, 2013

B.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2009

Admissions

Illinois

Missouri

U.S. District Court for the Central, Northern, and Southern Districts of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri



- Academic
 - Western Michigan University Cooley Law School
 - Book Award in Alternative Dispute Resolution
 - Dean's List
 - Honor Roll
 - Knights of Columbus Citizen Scholarship
 - Merit Scholarship

Personal

Jim is a member of the Missouri Athletic Club. His hobbies include golf, film, and travel.

Community/Civic Activities

Jim has been active in fundraising for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and volunteers as a coach for the Fairview Heights Khoury baseball league. He also volunteers as a Judge for Washington University in St. Louis Moot Court Competition.