



James R. Harvey

James Harvey focuses his practice in the areas of business and commercial law, with an emphasis on litigation and litigation avoidance planning. Since his admission to the California State Bar in 2010, James has successfully assisted his clients with a wide range of commercial matters, including serving as lead trial counsel in a matter where his clients received complete defense verdicts, following a six-week jury trial, on blended contract, tort, and employment claims seeking more than \$5 million. James's legal passion, however, is avoidance planning. He is fond of encouraging business owners to become his (strategic planning) client so they can avoid becoming his (litigation defense) client.

When not in the office or the courtroom, James remains heavily involved in the local legal and professional communities. Outside commitments and activities include serving as a director for the Kern County Bar Association, president of the local non-profit Active 20-30 Club, and a faculty member at the Kern County College of Law where he teaches courses on business law, corporations, partnerships, and agency. James is also a former Chair of the Kern County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section but has since, unfortunately, aged out of Young Lawyers.

In his spare time, James enjoys golfing, urban hiking, and spending time with his wife Kathryn and their Chihuahua mix, Penny.

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Bar Admissions

State Bar of California, 2010
Eastern District of California, 2011
Central District of California, 2011
Northern District of California, 2011
Southern District of California, 2011

Education

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy
California State University, Bakersfield,
2007

Juris Doctor, U.C. Davis School of Law,
2010

Practice Focus

Business and Commercial Law, Civil Litigation, Litigation Avoidance Planning

Professional Associations and Leadership

Kern County Bar Association, 2010 - present
Director, 2019 - present
Director, Charitable Foundation, 2017
Chair, Young Lawyers Section, 2016
Director, Young Lawyers Section, 2012 - 2017
Active 20-30 Club
President, 2021
Vice President, 2020
Sergeant-at-Arms, 2019
Director, 2019 - present

Professional Experience

Belden Blaine Raytis, LLP, 2021 - present
Klein, DeNatale, Goldner, Cooper, Rosenlieb & Kimball, LLP, 2010 - 2021
Kern County College of Law, Faculty, 2019 - present



Business Lawyers for Business Owners