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James helps early-stage startups, growing fintech companies and established financial institutions understand how innovative payments technologies interact with complex financial regulatory frameworks, so they can build great products. In his practice, James advises on mission-critical issues for companies in the payments space, including state money transmission licensing laws, cryptocurrency laws and regulations, Regulation E, federal anti-money laundering laws such as the Bank Secrecy Act and the Prepaid Access Rule, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, state and federal gift card laws, and state consumer protection laws. He also has experience advising on related credit and lending laws, such as the Truth in Lending Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act and the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

James works with clients during all stages of the product life cycle, providing counsel on various related matters, covering product development and go-to-market strategy, commercial negotiations and strategic partnerships, mergers and acquisitions, the development of compliance programs and policies, and responses to state and federal investigations and inquiries. Additionally, he has extensive experience representing clients navigating the unique complexities of fast-changing cryptocurrency laws and regulations.

In law school, James was a member of the appellate litigation clinic, and he continues to support post-conviction organizations through his pro bono practice.

Education

University of Virginia School of Law
JD, 2021

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