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**James defends insurance carriers, self-insured employers and third-party administrators in Pennsylvania workers' compensation matters.**

Before joining Weber Gallagher he worked as a suspicious activity report writer, where he assessed financial transactions and wrote reports.

## Experience

- Successfully argued for denial of a claim petition, alleging an entitlement to ongoing disability benefits for disc-herniations and left lower extremity radiculopathy, on the basis the employee had failed to provide any notice of an alleged cumulative-type work injury within 120 days.
- Successfully argued for a denial of a Penalty Petition, where an employee alleged she lost a significant business opportunity as a result of the untimely receipt of her workers' compensation settlement check.
- Successfully defended a Petition to Review, challenging a Notice of Change of Workers' Compensation Disability Status filed upon receipt of a less than 50 percent impairment rating evaluation performed under the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition to the AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment. Successfully argued the 'automatic' change of status should stand after a new impairment rating, also under a 50 percent whole body impairment, had been obtained under the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Guides in light of *Protz v. WCAB (Derry Area Sch. Dist.)*, 124 A.3d 406 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2015). *Protz* is presently pending on appeal before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

## Professional & Community Involvement

## Assistant

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## Practices

Workers' Compensation

## Education

Suffolk University Law School, J.D., 2014  
Tufts University, B.A., 2009

## Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania  
New Jersey

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- Philadelphia Bar Association, Workers' Compensation Section
- New Jersey State Bar Association