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James R. Kelley has been associated with Neal & Harwell since 1990. He handles legal matters on behalf of corporate and individual clients throughout the United States and is recognized as one of the Best Lawyers in America® for his work in bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law.

Areas of Expertise

- Civil Litigation
- Banking
- Bankruptcy
- Commercial & Corporate
- Taxation

Experience:

- Mr. Kelley's areas of expertise include civil litigation, banking, bankruptcy, commercial & corporate law and taxation
- Prior to joining Neal & Harwell, he was a partner at Dearborn & Ewing
- Prior to entering law school, he was a systems analyst for Standard Oil of Ohio

News & Publications:

- Contributing Editor, Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice
- Author, Corporations-Formation: The Law in Tennessee
- Frequent Speaker at bankruptcy and commercial law seminars throughout the United States

Education:

- Emory Law School, 1977, L.L.M. in taxation
- Emory Law School, 1975, J.D. with distinction; member of the Order of the Coif
- Vanderbilt University, 1970, Major in mathematics and minors in computer science and philosophy

Bar Admissions:

- American Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association
- Nashville Bar Association

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Awards & Recognition:

- AV-Rated by Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review, highest rating awarded
- The Best Lawyers in America® since 1989; recognized for his work in bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law
- Mid-South Super Lawyers
- Best of the Bar, Nashville Business Journal
- Tennessee's Best Lawyers, Business TN
- International Who's Who of Insolvency & Restructuring Lawyers
- Chambers USA
- Top 50 Attorneys in Nashville, Nashville Lifestyles
- In Charge Nashville, Nashville Post
- Top 100 Attorneys in Tennessee, Memphis Magazine

Professional Affiliations:

- Member of the Board of Directors and Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy
- Fellow, Nashville Bar Foundation
- Member, American Bankruptcy Institute; Former Chair of Taxation Committee
- Member, Mid-South Commercial Law Institute; Former Director and President
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Tennessee Bar Association
- Member, Nashville Bar Association

Community Involvement:

- Watkins College of Art, Member of the Board of Trustees
- Family and Children's Service, President
- American Friends of Chantilly, Member of the Board of Directors
- Oz Arts Nashville, Member of the Board of Trustees
- Oasis Center, Past President
- Nashville CARES, Past President
- Greenways for Nashville, Past President
- Richland West End Neighborhood Association, Member of the Board of Directors and Past President
- Reliant Bank, Member of the Board of Directors
- Reliant Bancshares, Inc., Member of the Board of Directors

Notable/Representative Clients:

- American Hospitality Corporation
- Bank of America, N.A.
- FirstBank
- GenCap America, Inc.
- Guy Brown Management, LLC
- Regions Bank Corporate Trust
- Reliant Bank
- The Family Office, LLC

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- Touchstone Medical Imaging, LLC
- Wells Fargo Bank