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James is a Principal with the Lasher Family Law Practice Group. His legal career spans more than two decades working in family law. Honed by his experiences, James's strategy in each case is to focus on creative ways to resolve disputes rather than create them. James also appreciates that clients often have emergent needs that demand swift action, including court intervention. In each case, James's goal is to help his clients address critical and often complex legal issues through patient, thoughtful, and professional guidance. His representation is primarily focused on preserving client legal rights and interests in the most efficient and effective way.

Since becoming an attorney, James has focused his practice solely on family law. James is experienced in divorce cases involving high net worth, complex finances, jurisdictional issues, and order enforcement. He also has extensive experience litigating in court and navigating the mediation/arbitration process. James understands that the decisions made in a case will affect a client's personal and financial health for years to come and approaches each case with a long-term-outcome focus and strategy.



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EDUCATION

Seattle University School of Law

- Juris Doctor
- CALI Award for Trial Advocacy
- Cheney/Metzger Writing Competition Scholarship Nominee

Pacific Lutheran University

- B.A. Political Science/Prelaw
- Minor in Philosophy

Edmonds Community College

- Advanced Paralegal Certificate

PUBLICATIONS/CLEs

- "When Divorce May Be The Only Cure: An Unconventional Approach to Healthcare Access for Sick Spouses," King County Bar Bulletin, August 2018
- "Divorce Under Tax Reform: The Elimination of the Spousal Support Tax Benefit and Other Changes," Strafford CLE Webinar, 2019



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PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC

- Recognized by Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America™, Family Law, 2021 ed., 2022 ed., 2023 ed., 2024 ed.
- Acknowledged by Washington Law & Politics Magazine, Rising Stars, Family Law, 2019 - 2023
- Member, Washington State Bar Association
- King County Bar Association



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