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James Kresta is an attorney in our Litigation & Dispute Resolution and First Amendment & Media Law practice groups.

James focuses on providing innovative strategies and substantive procedural knowledge to major news outlets, entertainment companies, and public personalities on various First Amendment and media issues. He also engages in litigation regarding real estate, shareholder oppression, and both municipal and private construction disputes. His litigation practice centers on entering initial pleadings and case management issues, discovery, substantive motions, trials and appeals.

Practice Areas

- Appellate
- First Amendment & Media Law
- Franchising
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Privacy & Data Security

Significant Matters

- Obtained summary disposition for a major news outlet against a lawsuit alleging defamation among other things
- Successfully represented a tier-two auto supplier through arbitration against a leading international tier-one auto supplier alleging breach of contract claims totaling approximately half a million dollars
- Represented countless property owners in obtaining judgements of possession and handling other real property transfer issues

Education and Admissions

Education

- Wayne State University Law School
J.D., *cum laude*
Bronze Key for academic excellence
- Franciscan University
B.A. in Legal Studies, *cum laude*

Bar Admission

- Michigan

Court Admission

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

Affiliations

- State Bar of Michigan
- Oakland County Bar Association
- Washtenaw County Bar Association
- Detroit Bar Association
- American Bar Association, Forum on Communications Law

Recognition

- Public Interest Law Fellowship
- Top Oralist at the Arthur Neef Moot Court Competition
- Finalist at the State Bar of Michigan Oral Advocacy Competition