

James J. McNamara

ASSOCIATE

After graduating from the University of Chicago, James McNamara pursued his legal studies at Seton Hall School of Law in Newark, New Jersey. For two years while there he interned at one of the nation's largest law firms whose Newark office specialized in business litigation and environmental law. Upon earning his J.D., James returned to the city of Chicago, where he began his career at a local law firm whose specialty included prosecuting civil rights cases and defending against personal injury and wrongful death claims.

"Going to court nearly every day directly out of law school," James says, "allowed me to gain meaningful experience much earlier than my education had prepared me to expect. Personal, daily contact with clients helped demonstrate to me the positive effect an attorney can make in their lives."



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PRACTICE AREAS

Securities and Commodities Litigation

Commercial and Employment

In joining Schuyler, Roche & Crisham, P.C., James hopes to build upon his courtroom experience as a member of our business litigation team. Attentive and hard working, he felt drawn to Schuyler, Roche & Crisham, P.C. following his first day of interviews, commenting, "The collegial atmosphere here persuaded me Schuyler, Roche & Crisham, P.C. is a place where I can hone my skills as an attorney but just as important, grow as a person."

James' interest in law began during high school when a close friend witnessed a crime and thus became a pivotal figure in a high profile criminal case. "He would look to me for advice and direction," says James, "which was frustrating because I often felt as though I were letting him down." James enrolled in law school with the hope of never leaving a friend or family member struggling for counsel. This desire, no doubt, will serve his clients well.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Driven to succeed and detail oriented, James assists our senior litigators concentrating in securities and commodities law and in commercial and employment matters. Currently he is focusing on unfair competition, trade secret protection and restrictive covenant enforcement. He has worked on cases in arbitration before the National Association of Securities Dealers Dispute Resolution and the New York Stock Exchange.

EXPERIENCE

Schuyler, Roche & Crisham, P.C.
Chicago, Illinois

Associate
2007

Richardson, Stasko, Boyd & Mack, LLC
Chicago, Illinois

Associate
2005 to 2006

Cook County State's Attorney's Office
Chicago, Illinois

Law Clerk (Courtroom 302)
Fall 2005

Latham & Watkins, LLP
Newark, New Jersey

Intern
2002 to 2004

EDUCATION AND DISTINCTIONS

J.D., Dean's List (three semesters), Seton Hall School of Law, Newark, New Jersey, 2005.

Scholarship recipient, Seton Hall School of Law, 2002 to 2004.

B.A. in Law, Letters and Society, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, 2001.

First Team All-Conference Academic Athlete (Football), University of Chicago, 2000 and 2001.

Scholarship recipient, University of Chicago, 1997 to 2001.

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Illinois, 2005

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, General Bar, 2006

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Bar Association

CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

Friends of Chicago Football, University of Chicago, since 2005.

St. Gabriel Grammar School, football coach, Chicago, Illinois, since 2006.