

James P. Allen, Sr. draws on rich and varied business experience in helping his clients resolve a variety of disputes. Jim began his legal career in 1993 with an internship in the Michigan Attorney General's Office. After graduation, Jim joined the Detroit law firm of Butzel Long as an associate in the firm's prestigious Labor Department.

In 1995, Jim accepted an appointment as a judicial law clerk for the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, the Honorable James H. Brickley. After his service to the Court and a brief return to Butzel Long, Jim was offered an appointment to serve as the judicial law clerk to the Honorable John Feikens, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. Jim proudly served Judge Feikens until 1998 when he joined the Philadelphia-based law firm of Pepper Hamilton, LLP. As an associate in the firm's Detroit office, Jim represented national clients in a wide range of administrative, commercial, labor and employment matters. Jim left Pepper Hamilton to become one of six attorneys representing General Motors Corporation in Labor and Employment matters.

In 2000, Jim formed Allen Brothers, Attorneys and Counselors, PLLC with his older brothers, David and John. David left the practice in December, 2003, when Gov. Jennifer Granholm appointed him to the Wayne County Circuit Court bench. The firm currently employs 15 attorneys and represents a variety of clients in a range of matters. Jim earned his Bachelor of Arts in history with High Distinction Honors from the University of Michigan, where he was an Angell Scholar. That same year, Jim proudly accepted membership in the honors fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa.

After college, Jim attended the University of Michigan Law School and received his law degree with Honors in 1994. While in Law School, Jim was selected as the Benjamin and Ida Alpert scholar, having been chosen among the top law students in the State of Michigan. In 2004, Jim completed his post graduate studies and received his Master's of Arts in Industrial Relations from Wayne State University.