



## James R. Molen

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James Molen is a Partner in the Litigation Department of Greenberg Glusker. A passionate advocate, James has built a reputation for developing creative strategies and winning arguments.

James represents various clients, including technology firms, celebrities, athletes, real estate developers, and beauty product manufacturers. He provides valuable counsel for some of the most prominent names in Hollywood, including Tom Cruise, J.K. Rowling, and Vin Diesel.

Over the years, James has litigated numerous high-profile cases for both plaintiffs and defendants, with extensive experience in a variety of subject areas, including entertainment, intellectual property, corporate governance, false advertising, probate, and most recently, cryptocurrency fraud. No matter the size of the case, however, James is driven by a singular goal: delivering successful, cost-efficient results for his clients.

“Every case can have a desirable outcome,” explains James. “Sometimes this means achieving a favorable settlement without resort to litigation. Sometimes it means taking a case all the way to trial. Always though, there is the best result for the client. I make it my business to discover what that result is, and then do everything in my power to achieve it.”

A notable focus of James’s practice since 2020 has been successfully representing clients who have suffered cryptocurrency losses following a “SIM swap/hack” of their mobile phones. Handling multiple matters in recent years in litigation and arbitration, James has secured substantial recoveries for clients. Critical to the prosecution of these cases, James has developed an intimate knowledge of telecommunication systems and the complicated interplay between the innerworkings of major telecom providers and the legal frameworks that govern their services. More generally, the complex nature of these digital thefts has led him to a broader understanding of the cryptocurrency, privacy, and data security industries.

Beyond his litigation practice, James also provides advice and counsel in connection with false advertising and intellectual property issues, as well as general business matters.

### Awards

- Listed in *Los Angeles Times* as a "Legal Visionary" (2024)

- Recognized in *Los Angeles Business Journal's* (LABJ) "Leaders of Influence: Litigators & Trial Attorneys" List (2022)
- Recognized as Inner City Law Center's Pro Bono Champion of the Month (July 2023)

### **Bar Admissions**

- California
- Utah

### **Court Admissions**

- United States District Court for the Central, Northern, Eastern and Southern Districts of California

### **Education**

- University of California, Los Angeles School of Law (J.D., *Order of the Coif*, 2008)
  - Entertainment Law Review
  - Media Law and Policy Specialization
- University of Washington (B.A., 2005)
  - Political Science and Philosophy

## **Representative Matters**

- Has advised numerous prominent celebrities, including Tom Cruise, J.K. Rowling, and Vin Diesel.
- Represented production company in defense of breach of contract action brought by creator of *Below Deck* reality show, culminating in week-long arbitration that resulted in complete victory for client.
- Represented Shelly Sterling in the \$2 billion sale of the Los Angeles Clippers to Steve Ballmer.
- Successfully defended makers of "Sugar in the Raw" food product against federal lawsuit alleging false advertising and unfair competition.
- Obtained summary judgment for technology firm in multi-plaintiff federal action for employment violations, resulting in complete dismissal of claims.
- Successfully defended the heirs of Bob Marley against federal lawsuit concerning the Marley Coffee brand.
- Successfully defended E! Entertainment against federal lawsuit alleging copyright violations.
- Obtained summary judgment for Warren Beatty in action concerning the rights to Dick Tracy, resulting in Mr. Beatty's exclusive retention of all rights to the character.
- Represented Uma Thurman in prosecution of multi-million dollar lawsuit concerning the motion picture *Eloise in Paris*, resulting in a seven-figure settlement for the client.

- Currently serving as outside counsel to several beauty product and food companies concerning intellectual property issues and compliance with truth in advertising laws.