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Admissions

- Missouri
- St. Louis County

Practice Areas

- Product Liability
- Medical Device Litigation
- Insurance Claims
- Premises Liability
- Automotive
- Class Action Litigation

James W. Childress is a native of St. Louis. He received his B.S. in Business Administration and J.D. degree from St. Louis University. Jim is a founding member of the law firm of Childress Ahlheim Cary LLC.

For more than 40 years, Jim has been a trial lawyer. He has represented clients in almost every aspect of civil litigation, including products liability, medical device litigation, insurance claims, premises and automotive cases, and class action litigation. Jim has tried cases in almost every county in the eastern half of Missouri as well as the U.S. District Courts in the Eastern District of Missouri. He has also argued appellate cases in the state courts of appeal of the Eastern and Western Districts, the Missouri Supreme Court as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Jim has been recognized by the St. Louis County Bar Association as recipient of the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. Recognized as A.V. preeminent Lawyer by Martindale Hubbel, he has been named a Super Lawyer since 2008. Jim has been a featured speaker for groups such as Missouri United School Insurance Council, St. Louis University School of Law, Lawyers Association, St. Louis Metropolitan Bar Association as well as others.

Local Bar Associations can also count on Jim as a long-time member. He has been a member of the Bars Association since 1981 and served as an officer. Jim was the Chair of the Annual Bench and Bar Conference at the Lake of the Ozarks. Jim is a member of the Missouri Bar, Lawyers Association of St. Louis and St. Louis County Bar.

Jim is similarly involved in his community. He served on the Shrewsbury Board of Adjustment for four years before serving as Alderman from 1994-2001. Currently, he is an officer of the Shrewsbury Improvement Association. He has served as President of the St. Michael's Home of School. In 2012, Jim was appointed to the Board of Directors of the newly formed Holy Cross Academy, St. Louis' first merger of multiple schools into a single academy.