



Nolan T. James

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With more than a decade of legal experience, Nolan advises individuals, families, and business owners on estate planning, probate, trust administration, and related corporate and real estate matters. He develops comprehensive estate plans tailored to clients' personal, tax, and business objectives and provides guidance on wills, trusts and the administration of complex estates. Nolan also counsels closely held companies on formation, governance, succession planning, and transactional matters, drawing on his background in both corporate and real estate law.

Before joining the firm, Nolan practiced with a Cleveland-based corporate law firm, focusing on estate planning, closely held business counseling, and real estate transactions. Earlier in his career, he founded and managed his own boutique law firm, Nolan James Legal Group. Prior to private practice, Nolan served as corporate counsel at The Fedeli Group, advising on insurance-related regulatory and compliance matters.

Nolan resides in Strongsville, Ohio with his wife, Allison, and their four sons. In his free time, he enjoys coaching a variety of youth sports, including hockey, baseball, and soccer.

Education

- Spring Hill College (B.S., 2008)
- The University of Akron College of Business (M.B.A., 2012)
- The University of Akron School of Law (J.D., 2012)

Bar Admissions

- Ohio
- Florida

Professional Affiliations

- Akron Bar Association (*Member, 2012-present*)
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (*Member, 2012-present*)
- Ohio State Bar Association (*Member, 2012-present*)

Practices & Industries

- Trusts & Estates
- Business Law
- Real Estate

- Florida Bar Association (*Member, 2014-present*)

Community Involvement

- The Steak Club Foundation (*Founder, Chairman of the Board, 2018-present*)
- St. Ignatius High School Alumni Council (*Member, Strategic Advisor, 2013-present*)

Awards & Honors

- Super Lawyers Rising Stars list (2023-Present)
- "40 Under 40," *Crain's Cleveland Business* (2022)
- The National Black Lawyers Top 40 Under 40, Ohio (2024-2026)

In the News

- *Speaking of Pets* podcast, "[What You Can Do Legally to Provide for Your Pets](#)" (June 2, 2026)
- *Cleveland Business Journal*, "[Nolan James, Hired at UB Greensfelder LLP](#)" (May 14, 2026)
- *Crain's Cleveland Business*, "[People on the Move: Nolan James & Dane Macaskill](#)" (May 11, 2026)

News & Media

April 1, 2026

UB Greensfelder Expands in Cleveland with Addition of Nolan James in Trust & Estates Practice