



# James F.B. Daniels

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## Practice Areas

- Banking & Financial Services
- Bankruptcy, Workouts & Financial Restructuring
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Manufacturer/Dealer & Wholesale Finance

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## Biography

Jim Daniels is a trial litigator and practices nationwide in the areas of commercial, dealer, franchise, and wholesale lending; lender liability and trade practices; bankruptcy; and antitrust litigation. He represents manufacturers and franchisors in disputes with their dealers, wholesale lenders in disputes with their borrowers, and businesses of almost every kind in contract, commercial, and trade practices litigation. He also represents and counsels clients in antitrust, marketing, and trade practices matters. He has served as national counsel for Chrysler Corporation and Walmart Stores Inc. for insolvency, franchise, business tort, and commercial/procurement litigation; national counsel for Volkswagen Credit, Inc. for insolvency, business tort, and trade practices litigation; and national counsel for Case/New Holland Corporation for dealer relations, commercial, and trade practice litigation.

Mr. Daniels represents debtors and creditors in contested Chapter 11 actions with an emphasis on disputes involving business torts, fair trade practices, and securities issues. Mr. Daniels also represents clients in a wide range of actions under Title 15 including both the prosecution and defense of class actions. These have included class actions under the Truth in Lending's Act and

state statutes of similar effect; automotive warranty class actions and the largest private antitrust class action ever brought.

At the beginning of his career Mr. Daniels served as law clerk to the Hon. Ross T. Roberts, United States district Judge for the Western District of Missouri, and the Hon. William H. Becker, Senior United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, Judge of the Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals of the United States and a principal draftsman of the Federal Manual on Complex Litigation.

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## Education

**Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri (J.D., 1979)**

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## Bar Admissions

- Missouri

### Memberships:

- American Bankruptcy Law Institute
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