



## James B. Sharp

Of Counsel

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James Sharp is a highly regarded trial lawyer with more than 40 years of experience and a stellar reputation for integrity and skill in the courtroom. Throughout the course of his distinguished career, Jim has handled complex matters for his clients through all phases of litigation and appeal, particularly in the area of medical malpractice, in which he has conducted more than 250 trials from jury selection through verdict. In addition, Jim recently prevailed in a high-visibility medical malpractice case in a New Jersey Supreme Court decision. Known for his ability to port his exceptional trial skills to a broad spectrum of matters, Jim is a sought-after adviser and resource to colleagues in other areas of the law.

Jim also has extensive experience representing corporate and individual clients in sophisticated litigation and in high-risk cases having extraordinary potential verdict value. He lectures for various educational, professional and business entities on litigation preparation and trial practice. In addition, Jim has recognized expertise in professional liability, insurance defense, insurance coverage and appellate matters.

Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Jim was a partner with Schenck Price Smith & King and a member of that firm's Professional Liability practice. Earlier, Jim was the senior and founding partner of Sharp & Mahoney, a firm with a concentration in medical malpractice defense litigation, and subsequently, the chair of the Professional Liability and Health Care Department at a Northern New Jersey firm. He began his career as legal assistant to the director of the New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control.

### Education

- Seton Hall University School of Law (J.D., 1975)
- College of the Holy Cross (B.S., 1970)

### Services

- Appellate
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Employment & Labor
- Health Care Law
- Medical Malpractice & Health Care
- National Trial Team
- Professional Liability & Services
- Long-Term Care

## **Bar Admissions**

- New Jersey

## **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

## **Professional Affiliations**

- New Jersey State Bar Association

## **Awards & Honors**

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2024-2026
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the areas of Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2022–2023
- Selected for inclusion in *New Jersey Super Lawyers*, 2005–2022

# **Representative Matters**

*Serico v. Rothberg*, NJ Supreme Court, 2018. Obtained a unanimous decision that a high-low agreement should be considered a contract and that, unless expressly agreed to, the award of counsel fees and costs permitted under the offer of judgment rule cannot be considered.