

# ROANE LAW

## **Biography: James M. Roane III**

**J**ames Roane is the owner and lead attorney of Roane Law in Greensboro, NC, a successful law firm representing plaintiffs in legal proceedings involving serious motor vehicle and personal injury accidents as well as nursing home neglect and abuse cases. He has been practicing in North Carolina since 1999, and is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association, the North Carolina Advocates for Justice, the American Association for Justice, the Inns of Court and the Friends of Residents in Long Term Care.

James graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1992. During his undergraduate years, James was a two-term president of Tau Kappa Epsilon and worked as a supervisor at UPS. He went on to earn his J.D. in 1999 from the Wake Forest University School of Law in Winston-Salem, NC. During this time, James earned several honors including Most Outstanding Advocate from the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, was a regional winner on the National Trial Team as well as the Elite Eight in the National Competition.

A few years after graduating from law school, James accepted a position as Director of Litigation with Crumley & Associates, the largest consumer-based law firm in North Carolina. During his tenure at Crumley & Associates, James led a team of four attorneys and five paralegals as supervising attorney. He left Crumley & Associates in April 2008 to pursue his dream of opening his own firm.

In addition to running a successful law firm, James currently serves as Adjunct Trial Practice Professor at the Elon University School of Law in Greensboro. His responsibilities in

this role include instruction of foundational trial skills and advocacy to law students ... a role he finds fulfilling and one which challenges him to continually seek new approaches to this craft.

Another role in which James was able to provide professional guidance was as a member of the Search Committee for a new dean for the Wake Forest School of Law. In March 2007, his input as a graduate and as a practicing legal professional helped the committee find a new dean to guide the law school into the future.

In every endeavor undertaken, James has thrived and has been widely recognized for his efforts. As mentioned above, he was named Most Outstanding Advocate by the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers while in law school; Legal Elite 2007 named him top attorney in North Carolina under the age of 40 after he was chosen by a poll of almost 18,000 licensed attorneys who read BUSINESS North Carolina Magazine; and in 2008, the North Carolina Advocates of Justice awarded him their coveted Order of Service Award.

Professionally, James remains active in publishing and speaking. His verdicts have been published several times in Lawyers Weekly, and he has been featured in local newspapers. James is a popular and charismatic speaker, and as the current Vice President of the Nursing Home Division of the North Carolina Advocates of Justice and a member of the Guilford County Nursing Home Advisory Committee, James speaks to groups on such topics as disaster preparedness for nursing homes, the arbitration of a nursing home case, expert witness rules and special considerations in nursing home cases, and basic nursing home negligence.

James is married to Sarah Roane, also a practicing attorney. In addition to being a devoted husband and father, James enjoys recreational volleyball, bicycling and coastal fishing.