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James S. Haliczer is the Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Haliczer Pettis & Schwamm, residing in the Fort Lauderdale office. For more than 30 years, Jim has built a reputation for litigation excellence, serving as trial counsel in a broad range of cases, including medical and legal malpractice, personal injury, wrongful death and commercial disputes. He also has the unique perspective of having successfully represented his clients on both the defense and plaintiff side, affording him an unparalleled level of credibility amongst his peers.

Jim currently concentrates his practice on representing his clients in complex medical malpractice, personal injury and wrongful death matters. A frequent lecturer, he has been asked to present throughout the United States on issues such as legal and medical malpractice, general insurance law and risk management/quality assurance programs.

Jim is admitted to practice in Florida and Colorado.

Jim and his wife have been residents of Fort Lauderdale since 1987. They have one son, a writer, who also lives in Fort Lauderdale.

Admissions

- Florida
- Colorado
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

Honors

- Listed, [Legal Elite Notable Managing Partner](#), *Florida Trend* (2023)
- Listed, [The Best Lawyers in America](#) (2010-2024)

- Lawyer of the Year, Medical Malpractice Law (2015)
- Listed, Florida *Super Lawyers* (2006-2014, 2016-2023)
- Rated, *Martindale-Hubbell*, AV Preeminent®
- Listed, *South Florida Legal Guide* (2013-2022)
- Listed, *Fort Lauderdale Illustrated*, Top Lawyers of 2022
- Medical Malpractice Law

Affiliations

- Member, *American Board of Trial Advocates*
- Member, Broward County Bar Association, Professional and Civility Magistrates Pilot Program Committee
- Vice Chair, Broward County Bar Association, Trial Lawyers Section
- Member, The Florida Bar, Civil Procedure Rules Committee
- Past Chair, The Florida Bar, Grievance Committee
- Past Chair, The Florida Bar, UPL Committee
- Past Co-chair, Broward County Bar Association, Trial Lawyers Section
- Past Member, The Florida Bar, Committee on Ethics and Professionalism
- Past Member, Federal Bar Association
- Past Member, American Bar Association

Community & Civic Organizations

- Past President, St. Mark's Episcopal School, Board of Trustees
- Past Member, Broward County Boys and Girls Clubs, Board of Directors
- Past Member, Broward County Red Cross, Board of Trustees

Education

- Stetson University College of Law, JD (1982)
 - Voted, "Best Advocate"
 - Captain, Moot Court Team
 - Associate Editor, *Stetson Law Review*
- University of South Florida, MA (1978)
- University of South Florida, BA (1976)
 - Member, Omicron Delta Kappa
 - Member, Phi Kappa Pi
 - Member, Sigma Tau Delta

News

- "What It Takes to Select the Right Expert for Your Medical Malpractice Case," *HPS Legal Alert* (August 2022)
- "Common Failures to Diagnose in the Emergency Room," *HPS Legal Alert* (November 2021)
- "It Took a Pandemic and a Committee, but Broward Litigators Have Become More Polite," *Daily Business Review* (October 2020)
- *When to Speak to a Medical Malpractice Attorney*, HPS Video Series (May 2018)
- *Why Experience Matters*, HPS Video Series (May 2018)
- "Haliczer Transitioned From Dropout to Medical Malpractice Specialist," *Daily Business Review* (July 2017)
- "Amendment 7: Good News for the Citizens of Florida," *Daily Business Review* (December 2017)
- "Haliczer, Pettis & Schwamm, P.A.: The Plaintiff's Firm That Understands the Defense," *South Florida Legal Guide* (September 2017)
- "An Employer's Liability for the Acts of his Servant, *Mercury Motors Express V. Smith*," *Stetson Law Review* (1982)

Events

- *Closing Arguments* (Moderator), BCBA Trial Lawyers Symposium, January 2024
- *Building and Proving a Claim for Attorney's Fees: PART II* (Moderator), BCBA Trial Lawyers Section, October 2023
- *Building and Proving a Claim for Attorney's Fees: PART I* (Moderator), BCBA Trial Lawyers Section, October 2023
- *The Anatomy of a Lawsuit*, CSRO Fellows Conference (presented annually since 2015)
- *Depositions: Before & After*, BCBA Trial Lawyers Section, November 2022
- *Cross Exam & Closing Statements*, BCBA 2022 Bench & Bar Convention, May 2022
- Best Practices to Avoid Malpractice, The Florida Society of Rheumatology (FSR) Quarterly Town Hall, April 2022
- *Forty Years in the Business of Law: Best Practices When Managing Your Firm, Your People and Your Clients*, Broward County Bar Association, August 2021
- *Cracking the Code: The Secrets to Developing a Successful Medical Malpractice Case*, Broward County Bar Association, January 2021
- *Plaintiff and Defense Perspectives on Early Settled in Birth Injury Cases*, American Conference Institute Obstetrics Malpractice Claims Seminar, June 2019
- *Nuts and Bolts of Conducting Focus Groups*, Trial Section of the Broward County Bar Association, May 2019