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Jim LaBarge is a seasoned litigator who advances his clients' cases efficiently and strategically. In consultation with his clients, Jim designs specific strategies and follows them to advance the client's best interests toward the most efficient conclusion of the case, whether that is by way of a dispositive motion, settlement or trial.

Pretzel & Stouffer has been Jim's home for nearly 30 years where he practices the civil defense of personal injury and wrongful death litigation in the diverse areas of commercial and rideshare transportation, construction, product liability, premises liability, and dental liability. Jim counsels and advises individuals, businesses, owners, general contractors, subcontractors, manufacturers and suppliers with great passion and focus.

Jim worked as a Local 11 roofer for one of the largest roofing and sheet metal contractors in the Chicago area during his undergraduate years, and he later ran a small propane business that provided service exclusively to the construction, manufacturing, distribution and roofing industries. His experience in and with the trades gave him a unique look into their many and specific legal needs and liability concerns.

Education

- Northern Illinois University College of Law, J.D. 1990
- Michigan State University, B.A. 1984

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois - Trial Bar

Professional Experience

Recognition and Awards

- Highest Martindale-Hubbell rating, AV

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