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Jim Heekin focuses on healthcare, corporate law, and mergers and acquisitions.

Jim represents business clients in the healthcare and related organizations. He also regularly represents clients in aviation law matters, including aircraft purchases and sales, as well as financing and leases.

Recognitions

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated
- Central Florida Business Aviation Association, Member of the Year Award, 2023
- *The Best Lawyers in America* guide, Health Care, 2007-2025
- *The Best Lawyers in America* guide, Orlando Health Care Law Lawyer of the Year, 2013, 2016, 2019
- Florida Legal Elite, *Florida Trend*, 2006
- Best Lawyers Annual Guide to Health Care Law, *Corporate Counsel*
- Florida State University College of Law, Law Review

Community Activities

- Orlando Repertory Theatre, past Chairman, member of the Board of Directors
- Orlando Apopka Airport Association, past President, Board of Directors member
- University of Central Florida Foundation, past member of the Board of Trustees
- Shands Hospital at University of Florida, past member of the Board of Directors
- University of Florida Athletic Association, past member of the Board of Directors

Practices & Industries

Aircraft Transactions
Aviation & Aerospace
Business Services
Corporate
Healthcare
Mergers & Acquisitions
Nonprofit Organizations
Private Wealth

Admissions

Florida
United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

Education

- Florida State University College of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1980
- University of Florida, B.S.B.A., 1971; Accounting

- Boy Scouts of America, past Troop Committee Chairman
- Junior Achievement of Central Florida, past member of the Board of Directors
- Orlando Shakespeare Theater, past member of the Board of Directors
- Board of Regents, State University System of Florida, past Chairman
- Florida Institute for Film Education, past member of the Board of Directors
- Florida State University Law Alumni Association, past President
- Bishop Moore High School, past Chairman and member of the Board of Directors
- National Business Aviation Association
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Central Florida Business Aviation Association
- Certified Public Accountant, Florida
- Private Pilot (ASEL)
- Remote Pilot (SUAS)

Professional Certifications & Memberships

- American Health Lawyers Association
- American Bar Association
- The Florida Bar, Health Law and Business Law

News

Best Lawyers Recognizes 59 Lowndes Attorneys in 2025, One Named Lawyer of the Year
08.15.2024 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Best Lawyers Recognizes 49 Lowndes Attorneys in 2024, Three Named Lawyer of the Year
08.17.2023 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

46 Lowndes Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers* in 2023
08.18.2022 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Best Lawyers Recognizes 44 Lowndes Attorneys in 2022, Five Named Lawyer of the Year
08.19.2021 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Best Lawyers Recognizes 44 Lowndes Attorneys in 2021, Two Named Lawyer of the Year
08.20.2020 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Forty-Three Lowndes Lawyers Earn Recognition in Best Lawyers in America 2020
08.15.2019 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Forty-Four Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed Lawyers Earn Recognition in 2019 Best Lawyers in America
08.15.2018 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Forty-Nine Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed Lawyers Earn Recognition in 2018 Best Lawyers in America
08.15.2017 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION