

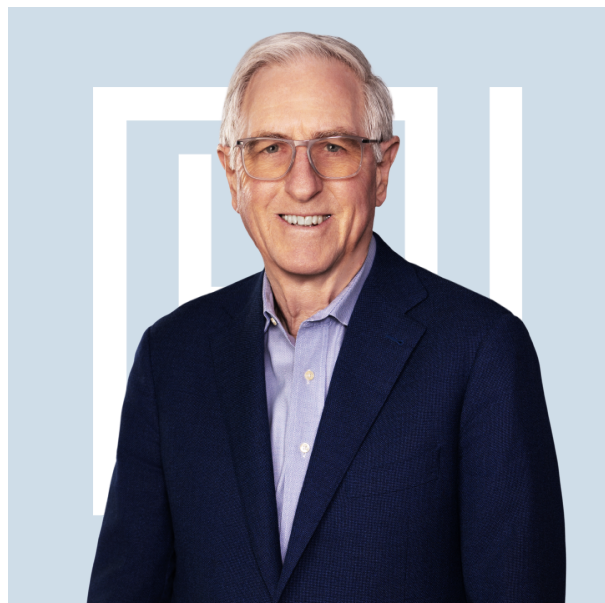
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About Jim

Jim focuses his business law practice on organizational and transactional matters, including mergers, acquisitions, and real estate development. He advises closely held and family-owned businesses and their owners on ownership relations, succession planning, and related estate and financial planning.

Jim has held several leadership roles at Hinshaw, including practice group leader of the national Commercial Transactions Practice Group. He was also partner-in-charge of the firm's Rockford office and chairman of the board for Hinshaw Consulting, LLC, a subsidiary that the firm wholly owned at the time.

Jim's Affiliations

- Illinois State Bar Association
- Winnebago County Bar Association

Areas of Focus

Industries: Real Estate

Services: Business Formation, Governance & Commercial Contracts; Corporate & Transactions; Mergers & Acquisitions; Private Banking & Private Wealth Management; Real Estate Transactions & Lending; Trusts & Estates

Recognition

- *Leading Lawyers Magazine*, Business Edition, Leading Lawyer, Small, Closely & Privately Held Business Law; Top 100 Leading Downstate Business Lawyers in Illinois
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Peer Review Rating
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, 2005
- University of Colorado School of Law, *University of Colorado Law Review*, Managing Editor; Order of the Coif

Credentials

Education

University of Colorado School of Law, JD, 1974

Lawrence University, BA, 1970

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Interests

Did you know...

In a prior lifetime, Jim might have been a 17th-century Dutch cartographer mapping the known world as new discoveries were embraced.

Community/Civic Activities

- The Blazer Foundation, Director
- Rockford University, Trustee; Former Chair
- Perryville Path Project, Chair (an effort to build a community bicycle and recreational path system)
- Keeling-Puri Peace Plaza, Founder; Co-Chair
- Perks Family Foundation, Director, 2010 – 2025
- Transform Rockford, Board Member, 2014 – 2023
- Rockford University, Karl C. Williams Award, 2021; Honorary Alumnus, 2018; Mary Ashby Cheek Award, 2014
- *Rockford Register Star*, Excalibur Award, 2011
- Rockford Chamber of Commerce, Citizen of the Year, 2011
- Rockford Park District, Golf Hall of Fame, 2007
- Illinois Park and Recreation Association and Illinois Association of Park Districts, Community Service Award, 1994 and 2001

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- Co-Presenter, “Solar for Nonprofits and Churches - Special Incentives from Illinois,” 2024 Solar Conference and Expo, Rockford, Illinois, July 18, 2024
- Co-Presenter, “[Let the Sun Shine In: How Churches and Colleges Can Save with Solar with Austin Carr and Jim Keeling](#),” Clean Power Hour Podcast, May 9, 2024
- Co-Presenter, “How Churches and Colleges Can Harness the Energy of the Sun and Save Money with Solar,” Greenlink Energy Solutions, Webinar, May 1, 2024

Events

- Jim Keeling to Present at the 2024 Solar Conference and Expo, Jul 18, 2024
- Jim Keeling Teams Up with Greenlink Energy Solutions to Present a Webinar on Making Solar Projects Cost-Efficient and Timely for Businesses and Higher Education Institutions, May 1, 2024
- M&A Market Forecast: What’s on the Horizon for 2020?, Jan 16, 2020
- M&A Market Forecast: What to Expect in 2019, Jan 17, 2019

Healthcare Alert

- Health Care Reform – Are You Ready?, Jun 24, 2013

Hinshaw Alerts

- SBA Provides Additional Guidance on Review of Economic Uncertainty Certifications Made by PPP Loan Applicants, May 13, 2020 | Updated May 14, 2020
- PPP Loan Proceeds Return Date Extended, Tips on Preparing for a PPP Loan Audit, May 6, 2020
- Options for Conducting Annual Shareholder Meetings and Director Meetings During a Time of COVID-19 Shelter in Place Orders, Mar 24, 2020
- Top Ten Reasons to Avoid Planning for Your Estate... Yes, You Read That Correctly, Dec 19, 2017
- Estate Planning Newsletter - December 2011, Dec 13, 2011

Hinshaw Newsletters

- Estate Planning Newsletter - December 2018 Edition, Dec 11, 2018
- Estate Planning Newsletter - December 2016 Edition, Dec 19, 2016
- Estate Planning Newsletter - December 2015 Edition, Dec 15, 2015
- Estate Planning Newsletter - December 2014 Edition, Dec 2, 2014

- Estate Planning Newsletter - December 2013 Edition, Dec 11, 2013

In The News

- Clean Power Hour Podcast: Jim Keeling Sheds Light on Solar and Sustainability Opportunities for Organizations, May 10, 2024
- Jim Keeling and Marcia Mueller Discuss the Legal Intricacies of Business Succession Planning, Jun 9, 2023
- James Keeling Among Rockford Chamber of Commerce's "Twenty People You Should Know", Oct 25, 2011

Press Releases

- Rockford Park District Renames Park in Honor of Hinshaw Partner James Keeling, Apr 18, 2022
- Hinshaw Partner James W. Keeling Named Rockford University Honorary Alumnus, Oct 16, 2018
- Deal Spotlight: Client M-TEK Acquired by Middleby, Oct 5, 2018

Webinar

- RAEDC Webinar: How Small Businesses Can Navigate the Pandemic, May 27, 2020

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