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Serving as BFKN's Director of IT, James has over 20 years of experience in legal technology. He joined the firm in 2021, and focuses on identifying, developing, and implementing infrastructure, application, security, and process improvements that align with the firm's objectives.

Before joining BFKN, James spent 19 years in various roles at Sidley Austin LLP across their London and Chicago offices, including managing their DMS and SQL teams.

A native of the UK, James moved to Chicago in 2008 and became a citizen in 2019. He graduated from DePaul University with a B.A. in Information Technology and Business Management. James is an avid Arsenal F.C. fan and of soccer in general. He also enjoys traveling, playing video games, and spending time with his two young children.