

Pioneer Hall of Fame: James T. Carmichael, class of 1980

James Carmichael has had a very active legal career since leaving University High School. In 1984 he graduated from Yale University, and then attended law school at the University of Wisconsin where he graduated cum laude in 1987. While there he was the associate editor of the Wisconsin Law Review. After graduating from law school, Carmichael became an associate at the law firm of Lyon and Lyon, where he served until 1990. That same year, he began serving as an attorney in a variety of public positions.

From 1990 to 1991, Carmichael served as Judicial Law Clerk to Chief Judge Howard T. Markey of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Then he became Associate Solicitor in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, where he served from 1991 to 1996. That year he was elevated to Administrative Patent Judge of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, serving until 1999. From 1999 until recently he has been the managing partner in Lyon and Lyon, a nationwide law firm with over 120 attorneys specializing in patent and trademark law. Since assuming this role, he has been quoted six times in major publications regarding patents, including Business Week Online and Wired magazine.

During his career, Carmichael argued numerous cases, published six articles in law journals and reviews, and presented nineteen guest lectures before various schools and law associations. He currently resides in Leesburg, Virginia, and is employed by Miles & Stockbridge P.C.