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James handles real estate transactions and land use entitlement as well as matters of software and technology licensing.

Practice Areas

- Real Estate and Land Use
- Administrative and Regulatory Law

James's practice focuses on real estate transactions, land use entitlements, administrative hearings, and software licensing. His dynamic background includes six years as the lead attorney for planning and zoning matters for the City of Boise, where he defended land use decisions on judicial review and advised on public-private partnership projects including industrial parks and downtown infrastructure. As lead attorney for the City of Boise's Information Technology department, he negotiated software and fiber licensing agreements and advised on broadband initiatives. His courtroom experience includes two years as a criminal prosecutor and six years as a civil litigator. James served as a U.S. Army officer and deployed to Afghanistan with the 82nd Airborne Division.

Education

- University of California, Hastings College of the Law – J.D., 2010
- Virginia Military Institute – B.S., Computer Science, 2002

Admissions

- Idaho
- California

Experience

Presentations

- *Understanding the New Annexation Law*

(Association of Idaho Cities, 2024)

- *Local Land Use Planning Act Case Update*

(Idaho Municipal Attorneys, 2024)

- *Short Term Rentals*

(Panelist, Idaho Municipal Attorneys 2020)

- *Civil Law Update*

(Idaho State Bar, 2015)

