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James Silvestro is a litigation attorney at Ireland Stapleton, whose practice focuses on land use, business, real estate, construction, and product liability matters. James guides the firm's business and individual clients through all stages of litigation in state and federal court, including trials and appeals.

James regularly advocates on behalf of land use applicants and neighborhood advocacy groups in quasi-judicial proceedings before county and municipal governments throughout the state of Colorado and, if necessary, in subsequent appeals brought pursuant to C.R.C.P. 106. James also advises many of the firm's clients on matters at the intersection of local, state, and federal environmental law with land use, zoning, and other issues that impact real estate development or environmental conservation.

Prior to joining Ireland Stapleton, James worked as an attorney for the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, D.C. Immediately after law school, James served as a law clerk to the Honorable Chief Justice Michael Bender (Ret.) with the Colorado Supreme Court.

James earned his J.D. from the University of Colorado Law School, where he graduated first in his class and served as the Managing Editor for the University of Colorado Law Review.

Presentations & Publications

- Managing Editor, *University of Colorado Law Review*, 2010-2011

Memberships

- Colorado Bar Association
- Denver Bar Association

Practice Areas

Litigation
Land Use
Real Estate

Bar Admissions

Colorado

Education

J.D., University of Colorado, 2011, Order of the Coif
B.A., Colby College, 2008, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

Honors & Awards

Selected for Colorado Super Lawyers® for land use and zoning 2017-2020
Quarterfinalist, National Environmental Moot Court Competition
Recipient, University of Colorado Public Service Pledge Award

