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James Silvestro is a litigation attorney at Ireland Stapleton, whose practice focuses on land use, real estate, and complex commercial disputes.

James guides the firm's clients through all stages of litigation in state and federal court, including jury trials and appeals. James also regularly represents clients in municipal land use proceedings throughout Colorado and, if necessary, in subsequent appeals brought pursuant to C.R.C.P. 106.

Prior to joining Ireland Stapleton, James worked as an Honors 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 to The Best Lawyers in America® for Land Use and Zoning Law, 2023-2024

Selected to Colorado Super Lawyers® for Land Use and Zoning, 2017-2023

Quarterfinalist, National Environmental Moot Court Competition

Recipient, University of Colorado Public Service Pledge Award