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PRACTICES

Endangered Species & Wildlife
Energy Transition
Hydropower
Land Use
Public Lands
Renewable Energy
Water

EDUCATION

Lewis & Clark College,
Northwestern School of Law
Colorado State University
University of Arizona

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Washington State Bar

JAMES GARLANT
ASSOCIATE



Professional Background

James represents both public and private sector clients in a diverse range of natural resource matters, including permitting, compliance, and litigation arising under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Washington State's State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the Clean Water Act (CWA), and the National Forest Management Act (NMFA). He has significant experience in both transactional and litigation representations and utilizes his scientific background to effectively navigate the nuances of environmental impacts and mitigation.

Prior to joining the firm, James practiced environmental, land use, and real estate law with a Seattle law firm, where he represented clients at all stages of development including site selection, permitting and entitlements, and defending against administrative and judicial appeals.

When he isn't working, James enjoys playing outside with his family, riding his bike, and hiking around on the Pacific Northwest's many volcanoes.

Government Service

City of Seattle Civil Litigation Division, Land Use Section, Legal Extern, 2020

Washington Court of Appeals, Division I, Honorable Judge Lori Smith, Judicial Extern, 2020

Articles and Presentations

- Permitting Strategies in the Northwest 2025, The Seminar Group, Seattle WA, 10/02/2025
- 2025 PNWA Summer Conference, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, Bellingham Washington, 06/10/2025

Alerts

- EPA and Corps Navigate New Regulatory Definition of Waters of the United States , 11/24/2025
- NEPA in Flux: NEPA's Regulatory Retreat, the Rise of Agency Discretion, and Expedited NEPA for a Fee, 07/08/2025
- Trump Administration Launches Comprehensive Review of Clean Water Act Definition for "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS), 03/31/2025
- The Future of NEPA Implementation Without CEQ Regulations, 02/24/2025