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### PRACTICES

Endangered Species & Wildlife
Energy Transition
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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 specializes in natural resource and environmental permitting, with a primary focus on renewable energy generation facilities and transmission infrastructure. He leverages his expertise in federal and state regulatory schemes to deliver pragmatic and effective results for both private and public sector clients. James guides clients through compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Washington's State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), the federal Clean Water Act (CWA), and Washington's Water Pollution Control Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). His experience spans advising clients on site selection and feasibility, permitting, and defending development proposals through administrative and judicial appeals. James draws on 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-based national law firm.

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

- Northwest Snow and Avalanche Workshop, Northwest Avalanche Center, Seattle WA, 10/25/2025
- 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
- Washington's Cap-and-Invest Program Creates Opportunity for Tribes to Combat Climate Change and Generate Governmental Revenues, JS Supra, 05/25/2023

## 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