

James E. Spurr

SERVICE AREAS

Business

- Native American Law
- Real Estate

Litigation + Trial

- Construction Litigation
- Land Use/Zoning
- Litigation + Trial Practice Overview

Governments + Nonprofits

- Native American Law
- Zoning + Planning
- Construction Contracts + Bidding
- Real Estate

EDUCATION

- Wayne State University Law School, J.D.
- University of Michigan, B.A.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Michigan



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James Spurr specializes in resolving disputes, from trials in state and federal court, to arbitrations, mediations and facilitations. Many cases involve real estate and development, construction projects, commercial transactions, contracts and business deals gone awry. James has resolved many disputes between shareholders, partners and issues involving corporate governance. James has substantial experience in probate court, assisting families, trustees and beneficiaries involving their rights in trusts and estates.

James has concentrated upon claims arising from complex construction projects for more than 20 years. He has advocated for, defended against and resolved claims involving corporate headquarters, manufacturing facilities, college and university buildings, public works projects, municipal parks, local schools and athletic arenas. The claims range from interference and delay, lost productivity, defective buildings, design negligence and serious accidents. His expertise has led him to speak before and serve on the faculties of major nationwide construction law seminars and industry symposiums.

James also concentrates in federal Indian Law, advocating for liberal interpretations of treaty rights, broad interpretations of sovereignty and the highest possible standards owed tribal nations arising from their special trust relationship with the federal government. James is also a strong advocate for the protection and responsible management of natural assets, the return and repatriation of cultural artifacts and for state and local adherence to the Indian Child Welfare Act.