



A member of the Washington and Alaska bars, Ben Spiess represents clients across the Pacific Northwest. Ben practices in all types of commercial transactions with a focus on commercial real estate, including preparing and negotiating commercial leases, purchase and sales, financing, development, and investment partnerships.

Ben has extensive experience in advising Alaska Native Corporations on mergers and acquisitions, organizational structuring, and corporate governance. Ben is an expert on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and advises clients on formation and management of Alaska Native Settlement Trusts.

Ben's practice includes advising clients on all manner of natural resource development and land transactions, including development, conservation, environmental matters, and working with agencies such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S Forest Service, and the State of Alaska.

Ben is also experienced in fisheries law and Arctic policy.

Since 2020, Ben has been the co-chair of the Real Estate Section the Alaska Bar.

#### **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**Landye Bennett Blumstein LLP.** Partner, June 2018 – Present

**Stoel Rives LLP.** Associate Attorney and Of Counsel, October 2010 – May 2018

**Bingham McCutchen LLP.** Associate Attorney, October 2006 – August 2010

#### **EDUCATION**

**Boston College Law School,** Boston, Massachusetts (J.D. 2006)

**Middlebury College,** Middlebury, Vermont (B.A. 1994)

#### **STATE BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS**

Member of the bar of the State of Alaska, the State of Washington, the United States District Court, District of Alaska, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

*State by State Guide to Commercial Real Estate Leases* – Alaska Author

Numerous short articles and legal updates published in Alaska publications and firm website.