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EDUCATION

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STATE BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

State of Alaska

U.S. District Court, District of Alaska

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About

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 for the Alaska Bar.

Experience

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