

Mr. James R. Spaanstra
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James Spaanstra is a partner in the law firm of Faegre & Benson LLP. Mr. Spaanstra has been in private practice for more than 25 years, developing one of the largest and most diverse environmental practices in the Rocky Mountain region.

Early in his career, he served as a staff attorney for the Council on Environmental Quality in the Executive Office of the President of the United States, where he helped develop national environmental policy. Since that time, Mr. Spaanstra has actively participated in the drafting and development of environmental laws and regulations at the local, state and federal levels.

Mr. Spaanstra is a member of the Colorado Commission on Judicial Discipline and the vice chairman of the Jefferson County, Colorado Planning Commission. He is a founding director of the Colorado Hazardous Waste Management Society and a member of the Environmental Law Committees of the Denver Bar Association, the Colorado Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

Mr. Spaanstra received his B.S. from Grand Valley State University and his M.P.P. and J.D. from the University of Michigan.

Mr. Spaanstra was appointed to the Colorado School of Mines Board of Trustees in January 2008. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board.