



Bruce A. James

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Denver, Colorado

Bruce James has played a leading role over the past 30 years in some of the most notable real estate projects in the Denver area and a number of significant projects throughout the country. Practicing across a broad spectrum of real estate transactions, Bruce is best known for his expertise in public/private partnerships, hotel and resort properties and urban redevelopment projects.

In the public/private arena, Bruce served as lead counsel for the redevelopment of the historic Union Station train station in Denver, leading a deep bench of Brownstein lawyers who provided expertise on issues concerning construction, hospitality, public/private partnerships, historic tax credits and joint venture issues, among others. He has also served as lead counsel on many other impactful public/private projects in Denver, including the Colorado Justice Center, Colorado History Museum, Wellington E. Webb Municipal Office Building and Museum Residences.

In the hospitality sector, his recent projects include The Art Hotel in Denver, the Hyatt Place Boston Seaport Hotel, the Hyatt Fitzsimons Hotel and Conference Center in Aurora, the Marriott Lane Field Hotel in San Diego, The Maven at Dairy Block Hotel in Denver, the Indigo at Union Tower West in Denver, the Great Wolf Lodge in Southern California and the Eventi Hotel in New York City.

In the urban redevelopment arena, his recent projects include the Ninth and Colorado development, the World Trade Center development in RiNo, the Train Denver development in RiNo and the sale of the Park Hill Golf Course.

Bruce has been active in community and firm leadership throughout his career, having served as Managing Partner at Brownstein from 2003-2013, during a period in which Brownstein grew from 80 lawyers to over 250 lawyers and advisors. He also served as General Counsel at the firm and Co-Chair of the Real Estate Department.

On the community front, he served as Co-Chair of Denver Mayor Michael Hancock's successful 2011, 2015 and 2019 mayoral campaigns. Bruce has also served as Chair of Visit Denver, Downtown Denver, Inc., the 16th Street Mall Steering Committee, and recently served on the Denver 2030 Winter Olympics Exploratory Committee, underscoring his long standing commitment to the future success of Denver.

Previous Experience

Bruce James garners widespread recognition as a "great lawyer" who is highly visible for his handling of real estate developments. He possesses specialized expertise in hotels and leisure. One client described him as "our go-to when we are really pushed into a challenging situation." - Chambers USA, 2019

Practices

Real Estate, Development, Hospitality, Resort & Recreation, Condominium & Planned Community

Community

Board of Directors, The Other Side Academy Denver

Executive Committee, 2026 Denver World Cup Bid

Board of Directors and Past Chair, Visit Denver - The Convention and Visitors Bureau

Board of Directors and Former Chair, Downtown Denver, Inc.

Co-Chair, Hancock for Denver Mayoral Campaign 2011, 2015 and 2019

Former Board Member

Denver Civic Center Conservancy

16th Street Mall Steering Committee, Downtown Denver Partnership

Denver Winter Olympics Exploratory Committee

Colorado Convention Center Expansion Project Leadership Team

Biennial of the Americas

City Year Denver

Family Tree Inc.

Junior Achievement

Littleton Hospital

The Denver Brass

Former Chair, South Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and South Denver Economic Development Group

Publications & Presentations

- Denver City Council Implements Legislation Allowing Structures Up To 16 Stories in Rino, Co-author, *Western Real Estate Business*, October 2018
- Denver City Council Approves Zoning Amendments Permitting Construction Up to 16 Stories in RiNo, *Brownstein Client Alert*, February 14, 2018
- Experience Denver Transit Tour Podcasts - Episode 2, Brownstein Podcast Series, April 23, 2016
- Hotel, Office Projects Return to Downtown Denver with a Flair , Co-Author, *Colorado Real Estate Journal*, June 3, 2015
- All Aboard: The Activation of an Iconic Historic Train Station, Co-Author, *Colorado Real Estate Journal*, March 5, 2014

Education

- J.D., 1985, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Order of St. Ives
- B.B.A., 1982, University of Michigan

Admissions

- Colorado

Recognition

Honorary Partner, Downtown Denver Partnership, 2018

5280 Top Lawyers, Real Estate, 2017-2019

Who's Who Legal - Real Estate, 2016-2018

Chambers USA, 2005-2019

Best Lawyers in America, 2010-2020

Colorado Super Lawyers, 2006-2019

Lawdragon, "100 Managing Partners You Need To Know", 2008