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John Watson Examines Public Trust Doctrine for Colorado Bar Association Webinar

Spencer Fane attorney John Watson co-led a virtual CLE session for the Colorado Bar Association Environmental Section on December 12 that discussed the first-of-its-kind climate change trial, *Held v. Montana*.

During the webinar, The Public Trust Doctrine Montana's Climate Change Lawsuit, John joined Clean Air Council's Alex Bomstein in discussing factors that led to the *Held* decision and its impact. Topics included Montana's constitutionally held right to a "clean and healthful environment," rights in similar states, the history of the public trust doctrine, and climate change cases and initiatives in Colorado.

At Spencer Fane, John leverages his in-depth commercial trial and litigation knowledge to understand clients' needs and goals and serves as a formidable advocate on their behalf. As both a defense trial attorney and counselor, John represents clients in a variety of complex commercial cases, including public land and natural resources law, mining, oil and gas, wildlife, toxic tort, Superfund, and air, water, and environmental waste cases.

John is also a frequent contributor to the Spencer Fane Environmental and Energy Solutions blog, in which he has extensively examined *Held v. Montana* here, here, and here.