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Fritz Ganz is an environmental engineer and an attorney specializing in environmental and natural resources law, and litigation. He is licensed in Arizona, Colorado, and Wyoming with 24 years' experience in the fields of environmental and natural resources law, mining law, construction defect litigation, insurance and commercial litigation, complex litigation, regulatory compliance, citizen suits, class actions and non-profit organizations. Fritz represents clients in both transactional and administrative settings as well as in the courtroom.

He has represented plaintiffs in environmental class actions, citizen suits under the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and potentially responsible parties in cost recovery, contribution, and natural resource damage actions under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). He has assisted clients with pre- and post-development environmental permitting and compliance with a particular focus on water quality compliance.

Fritz's litigation practice has heavily emphasized environmental litigation but also extends to construction defect litigation, homeowners and homeowners associations, commercial litigation, and insurance coverage disputes. He has argued appeals before the Colorado Supreme Court, Colorado Court of Appeals, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

Prior to attending law school, Fritz spent two years in Washington, DC as Technical Services Director for two national trade associations representing state and local water resources agencies at all levels of federal government on legislative and policy issues, including Congressional reauthorization of federal Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, and related environmental legislation.

Fritz teaches environmental law at the University of Denver's Department of Geography & Environment as an adjunct professor and serves on the Board of Directors of the Eagle River Watershed Council in the Vail Valley of Colorado. He is a volunteer adaptive ski instructor with the National Sports Center for the Disabled and avid backcountry skier.

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