

Representative James D. Ruchti



James Ruchti was born and raised in Pocatello and is a West Point graduate (Class of '93). He served as a Military Intelligence Officer in the U.S. Army from 1993-98. His military service took him to Germany, Jordan, Kuwait and throughout the United States.

James graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law in 2001. He worked as a law clerk for U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill prior to entering private practice. He and his law partner, Joel Beck, own a thriving plaintiffs' practice in Pocatello, serving clients throughout southeast and east Idaho in personal injury, wrongful death, workers' compensation and insurance claims.

James served in the Idaho House of Representatives from 2006-10, including a term as the Assistant Minority Leader. He was elected to the Idaho House again in 2020. He serves on the Agriculture Committee, Judicial and Rules Committee, and the Revenue and Taxation Committee. James is a past president of ITLA.

James' wife, Wendy, has a Ph.D. in education and is a professor at Idaho State University. They have been married since 1993 and are the proud parents of two adult children, Spencer and Drew.