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Fennemore Acquires Denver-Based Galvanize Law for Construction

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- Part of middle market expansion for Am Law 200 firm
- Acquisition to expand and solidify Western US presence

Fennemore Craig is looking to expand construction capabilities across the Western US with their acquisition of Denver-based boutique law firm Galvanize Law.

The firms will join forces Oct. 1, they announced in a statement Tuesday.

"Construction is one of the most dynamic sectors in the Rocky Mountain region," said James Goodnow, CEO of Fennemore, in the statement. "This combination deepens our litigation bench and broadens our advisory services at a time when clients need forward-thinking legal partners."

The merger is part of a trend of larger firms acquiring others in middle markets, rather than top legal centers. Fennemore, a growing Am Law 200 firm and serial acquirer in middle markets, had five combinations in 2024 in Denver, Seattle, San Diego, Sacramento and Spokane, Wash.

Women-owned Galvanize Law began in 2020 after founders Kate Strauss and January Allen saw the need for a firm to provide litigation and advisory services in Colorado's construction industry. The firm is licensed in five additional states.

"We recognized the need to scale our firm to meet rising business expectations and compete for top talent," Allen said in the statement. "Joining a larger firm made sense only when we found the right fit, and we found that in Fennemore."

One of the country's fastest growing Am Law 200 firms, Fennemore ranked in the top five for revenue growth among other Am Law 200 firms, according to the American Lawyer. With a revenue increase of 144% since 2020, the firm brought in \$181 million in 2024. The firms average profit per equity partner of \$486,000 is among the lowest of the 200 firms by revenue.

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