

John W. Cook

Office Managing Partner
Colorado Springs

Biography

John Cook threads the needle between commerce and government. With a career spanning more than 35 years, John provides valuable guidance to clients in addressing their legal needs.

With depth of experience as a trial lawyer, John's multi-faceted acumen allows him to pinpoint risks and provide solutions before they become a problem. As Global Co-Chair of the firm's Real Estate Litigation Group and Office Managing Partner for Colorado Springs, John advises clients on the full sweep of litigation challenges. His clients include major construction companies, sports organizations, real estate developers, resorts, banks, and other business interests.

With a full spectrum perspective in serving major local, regional, and national companies as well as working extensively on behalf of and opposite to local municipal and state entities, John utilizes a thinking-around-corners approach to effectively advise clients on contract disputes, real estate and construction challenges, business torts, and sports and banking industry matters.

An active member of the community, John has served with many charitable organizations, including as chairman of the March of Dimes Annual Gala, as a



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Practices

Corporate and Shareholder
Litigation

Litigation

Commercial Litigation

Banking and Finance Litigation

Industries

Financial Institutions

Real Estate

Areas of focus

Construction and Engineering

E-discovery and Information

member of the board of trustees of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center and the El Pomar Foundation's Awards of Excellence Commission, and as president of the board of Ronald McDonald children's charities of Southern Colorado. John is also a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), the renowned invitation-only global legal organization for attorneys who represent corporate and insurance interests throughout the world.

As a tribute to his philanthropic commitment, the *Colorado Springs Business Journal* named John as an individual who has had a significant and positive impact in Colorado Springs.

Representative experience

Achieved victory for the Broadmoor Hotel, Inc. against a group seeking to undo a city resolution authorizing a multimillion-dollar parkland exchange between the city and the Broadmoor.

Attained appellate win after successful trial outcome for affiliate of a major home builder, in a case involving a land-use dispute in El Paso County, Colorado.

Won a US\$3.2m verdict in favor of a general contractor in a contract dispute related to the construction of a golf course residential developer.

After a two-week trial, won a very favorable verdict for a real estate developer regarding multiple causes of action, including business torts.

Secured a verdict for a client defrauded out of hundreds of thousands of dollars in a real estate transaction, collecting their full damages.

Achieved a US\$14.75m settlement for a general contractor, successfully defending it from a US\$60m claim alleging defects in a public works project.

Gained a US\$8.5m settlement in favor of a minority shareholder in a computer software company in

Management

Hotels and Leisure

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Pepperdine University, 1979

B.A., Arizona State University, 1976

Bar admissions and qualifications

Colorado

Court admissions

Colorado Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

litigation with the majority shareholder.

Obtained a verdict, affirmed on appeal, for a major national cable network for enforcement of an affiliation agreement with national implications.

After a four-day jury trial, obtained a complete defense verdict in favor of the client in a suit alleging negligence.

After a five-day trial, won a defense verdict in favor of two individuals in a civil trial alleging securities violations, fraud, and business torts.

Awards and rankings

- Lawyer of the Year, *Law Week Colorado*, 2016

Latest thinking and events

- Publications
 - Things you need to know about development dust-ups
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Real Estate Quarterly Summer 2015