

John W. Cook

Partner

Colorado Springs

Biography

John Cook has a small-town, down-home lawyer approach with big-city acumen and trial experience. With a career spanning more than 40 years, John provides valuable guidance to clients in addressing their legal needs, both in and outside the courtroom.

It is that depth of experience as a trial lawyer paired with a personal commitment to his clients that allows John to pinpoint risks and provide solutions before they become a problem. As a key member of the U.S. Construction and Engineering practice, and the Real Estate Litigation Group (and its first Global Co-Chair from 2014-2019), 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 multi-faceted perspective in serving major local, regional, and national companies, 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 member of the board of trustees of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center and the El Pomar Foundation's Awards of Excellence Commission, as a member of Colorado Springs Economic Development Council



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Practices

Corporate and Securities Litigation
Litigation Services
Commercial Litigation
Banking and Finance Litigation

Industries

Financial Institutions
Real Estate
Sports, Media and Entertainment

Areas of focus

Construction and Engineering
E-discovery and Information
Management

Advisory Board, as president of the board of Ronald McDonald children's charities of Southern Colorado, and as president of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Board. 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 hotel.

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 development.

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 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.

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

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.

Represented a major real estate developer in Denver concerning allegations of bid-rigging on a US\$250m public project.

Awards and rankings

- Top Attorneys 2020: Business Commercial Litigation, *Colorado Springs Style*, 2020
- Lawyer of the Year, *Law Week Colorado*, 2016

Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells appoints litigator Jeff George as Colorado Springs Office Managing Partner
- Publications
 - Things you need to know about development dust-ups
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Real Estate Quarterly Summer 2015