

Mark Changaris

Partner

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As a solutions-driven, pragmatic advocate, Mark is a trusted advisor for his clients who values building long-term relationships to help them succeed.

Mark's Core Practices

Complex Civil Litigation | Construction Law | Corporate Law | Intellectual Property Law | Real Estate Law

Mark's practice focuses on a variety of practice areas, including complex civil litigation, construction law, corporate law, intellectual property, and real estate law.

Complex Civil Litigation

Mark counsels clients through all phases of dispute resolution, including informal business-to-business negotiations, mediation, stipulated judgments and settlements, litigation in state and federal court, and arbitration in local, national, and international arbitration. His cases involve complex commercial disputes, including breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty or corporate trust, civil theft, construction defects, corporate fraud, environmental contamination, foreclosures, fraudulent transfers, insurance coverage, landlord-tenant, mechanics' liens, and real estate.

Construction Law

Mark helps construction professionals navigate all stages of a construction project, including bidding, contracting, financing, design, construction, and resolution of project disputes. He works with contractors, owners, subcontractors, and suppliers to negotiate agreements, structure proposed transactions, mitigate risk, file and foreclose mechanics' liens and evaluate and resolve disputes in state court, federal court, and arbitration. His experience includes residential and commercial construction projects, including multifamily, commercial buildings, industrial facilities, maintenance structures, mining infrastructure, and school construction.

Corporate Law

Mark helps his business clients achieve their strategic goals, whether starting businesses, funding businesses, running businesses, or selling businesses. He helps clients with entity formation, corporate governance, tax planning, mergers and acquisitions, asset sales, stock issuances, private placements, financing, and debt or equity offerings. Mark also assists clients by negotiating and drafting loan and financing documents, security agreements, employment agreements, and noncompete and nondisclosure agreements. His transactional experience spans multiple industries, including advertising, construction, enterprise resource planning (ERP) solutions,

manufacturing, distribution, mining, and software development.

Intellectual Property Law

Mark helps clients with trademark, copyright, and patent-related matters in different fields, including information technology, software, advertising, product manufacturing, product distribution, and merchandising. In the technology field, he assists clients with drafting and negotiating license agreements, including development agreements, professional services agreements, and Software as a Service (SaaS) agreements. In the products manufacturing and construction fields, he helps clients implement contracting standards and forms, negotiate distribution agreements, and draft risk management documents. He collaborates with clients in the development of product warranties and claims procedures and in the protection of intellectual property rights through mediation and litigation.

Real Estate Law

Mark assists clients with their residential and commercial real estate needs, including residential and commercial purchase and sale agreements, all phases of due diligence (including property inspections, survey, and title review), financing, leasing, and closing. He also helps borrowers and lenders with negotiating and drafting loan documents, security instruments, and related transactional documents. In addition, he guides property owners, lenders, landlords, and tenants through eviction proceedings, public trustee foreclosure actions, and creditor rights in bankruptcy proceedings.

More About Mark

Mark serves on BHGR's Compensation Committee and served on the firm's Marketing Committee for more than 5 years.

Education

J.D., University of Colorado Law School , *Order of the Coif*

In law school, Mark received the Austin Scott Jr. Scholarship, which is awarded for academic excellence and was on the Dean's List.

B.S., Fort Lewis College , *summa cum laude*

In college, Mark received the National Collegiate Natural Sciences Award and was on the Dean's List and a member of the Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society.

Admissions

- Colorado
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

Admitted pro hac vice in Georgia, Minnesota, and Texas.

Related Practices

- Litigation



- Construction
- Corporate
- Intellectual Property
- Real Estate

Associations

- American Bar Association
- Boulder County Bar Association
- Colorado Bar Association

Publications + Presentations

Mark D. Changaris and Lorenzo Thayn, *Everything Landlords and Sellers of Residential Property Need to Know About Colorado's New Radon Disclosure Requirements*, <https://bhgrlaw.com/2023/08/17/everything-landlords-and-sellers-of-residential-property-need-to-know-about-colorados-new-radon-disclosure-requirements/>.

Mark has given multiple presentations to his clients' executives and employees on contracting and other business issues.

Languages

Mark speaks English and Spanish.

Published Cases

Obermeyer Hydro Accessories, Inc. v. CSI Calendering, Inc., 852 F.3d 1008 (10th Cir. 2017).

Paros Properties LLC v. Colorado Casualty Insurance Company, 835 F.3d 1264 (10th Cir. 2016).

Honors & Awards

Super Lawyers recognized Mark as a Rising Star in 2018.

Out + About

When Mark is not practicing law, he enjoys spending time with his family, skiing, mountain biking, being outdoors, boating, rafting, and cheering on the CU Buffs' athletic teams.