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With more than 20 years of experience handling highstakes litigation, Rudy helps clients solve their most complex and challenging legal problems.

Rudy's Core Practices

Complex Commercial Litigation | Appellate Law | Insurance

Rudy is the current leader of the firm's Litigation Practice Group. His practice focuses on representing corporations and individuals in complex business disputes at both the trial and appellate levels.

Appeals

Rudy is one of Colorado's more experienced appellate lawyers. He has argued multiple appeals in state and federal courts, including cases before the Colorado Court of Appeals, Colorado Supreme Court, the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Most recently, Rudy served as lead appellate counsel and presented oral argument before the Colorado Supreme Court in *Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Company, LLC v. Regional Rail Partners*, 2026 CO 19, a unanimous decision reversing the Court of Appeals and resolving two significant questions under Colorado's Public Works Act with statewide implications for contractors and subcontractors. In recent years, he also successfully defended an eight-figure damage award to a large public works contractor, convinced the Colorado Court of Appeals to affirm a preliminary injunction in a high-dollar trade secrets misappropriation case, and obtained a reversal of a significant personal injury judgment in a case involving an issue of first impression under Colorado law. Prior to entering private practice, Rudy clerked for The Honorable Timothy Tymkovich of the Tenth Circuit and the Honorable Sandra Rothenberg of the Colorado Court of Appeals. He is admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court.

Commercial Litigation

Rudy has extensive experience in cases involving business torts, corporate governance and fiduciary disputes, employment, consumer protection, construction, and insurance coverage. As national litigation counsel for a Colorado technology company, Rudy has defended consumer protection cases across the country and represented the client before a U.S. Senate Committee. Rudy also regularly represents companies in privacy and data security litigation, including cases involving data breaches and violations of state and federal privacy laws. In a pro bono capacity, Rudy represented Marshall Fire victims in opposing challenges to Boulder County's clean-up efforts after the most destructive wildfire in Colorado history.

Insurance

Rudy represents clients seeking to enforce coverage or recover policy proceeds under general liability, directors and officers, first-party property, business interruption, environmental site liability, cyber liability, and other specialty insurance policies. He also assists clients in conducting insurance audits and obtaining specialty insurance coverage for businesses with unique risk profiles.

More About Rudy

Rudy serves on the firm's Management Committee and Ethics Committee. As the founder and leader of BHGR's Sustainability Committee, he spearheaded "BHGR 2030," a sustainability initiative that seeks to reduce the firm's environmental footprint. Rudy serves as the firm's liaison to its nonprofit partners working to solve the climate crisis. In addition, Rudy has a strong record of civic leadership around environmental conservation. He serves on the Board of Directors for Conservation Colorado and has attended Protect Our Winters' National Leadership Summit. He is also a past board member of Bicycle Colorado.

Education

J.D., University of Colorado Law School

In law school, Rudy served as the associate editor of the University of Colorado Law Review and as managing editor of the Journal on Telecommunications and High Technology Law.

M.A., Boston College

B.A., Kenyon College

Admissions

- Colorado
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

Related Practices

- Appeals
- Litigation
- Insurance Coverage
- Privacy + Data Security

Associations + Boards

- American Bar Association (Litigation Section)
- Colorado Bar Association (Appellate Practice Subcommittee)
- Colorado Conservation Voters
- International Association of Privacy Professionals
- Conservation Colorado, Board Member (2022 – 2026)

Publications + Presentations

Expanded Media Coverage in Colorado Courts, 40 Colo. Law. 39 (2011).

Renewable Energy Standards Challenged, Rocky Mountain Appellate Blog (Apr. 5, 2011).

Short-Term Solutions, Interim Surplus Guidelines, and the Future of the Colorado River Delta, 14 Colo. J. Int'l Envtl. L. & Policy 241 (spring 2003).

Reported Cases

Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Company, LLC v. Regional Rail Partners, 2026 CO 19 (Colo. 2026).

National Oilwell v. Nygard, Case No. 22CA1238, Colorado Court of Appeals, October 19, 2023 (unpublished).

Kulmann v. Salazar, 521 P.3d 649 (Colo. 2022).

Santich v. VCG Holding Corp., 443 P.3d 62 (Colo. 2019).

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Comm'n v. Martinez, 433 P.3d 22 (Colo. 2019).

In re Pinoleville Pomo Nation, 776 Fed. Appx. 518 (9th Cir. 2019).

Johnson v. Schonlaw, 426 P.3d 345 (Colo. 2018).

U.S. v. Olivas-Lasos, 594 Fed. Appx. 558 (10th Cir. 2015).

U.S. v. Greenwood, 594 Fed. Appx. 486 (10th Cir. 2014).

Onyx Properties LLC v. Board of County Comm'rs, 916 F.Supp.2d 1191 (D. Colo. 2012).

Onyx Properties LLC v. Board of County Comm'rs, 868 F.Supp.2d 1171 (D. Colo. 2012).

RK Mechanical, Inc. v. Travelers Property Cas. Co. of America, 944 F.Supp.2d 1013 (D. Colo. 2011).

U.S. v. Rollen, 355 Fed. Appx. 166 (10th Cir. 2009).

Level 3 Communications, LLC v. Liebert Corp., 535 F.3d 1146 (10th Cir. 2008).

Morris v. Goodwin, 185 P.3d 777 (Colo. 2008).

Old Republic Ins. Co. v. Ross, 180 P.3d 427 (Colo. 2008).

Barrett v. Investment Management Consultants, Ltd., 190 P.3d 800 (Colo. App. 2008).

U.S. v. Flowers, 464 F.3d 1127 (10th Cir. 2006).

State ex rel. Salazar v. General Steel Domestic Sales, LLC, 129 P.3d 1047 (Colo. App. 2005).

Honors & Awards

Colorado Super Lawyers (2027)
Colorado Super Lawyers Rising Star List (2012-2013)

Pro Bono

Rudy has provided pro bono representation to the Center for International Environmental Law, Marshall Together, and Bicycle Colorado, among others.

Out + About

Outside the office, Rudy enjoys cycling, skiing, and surfing with his two sons.