



PATRICK HAINES

PARTNER

ABOUT PATRICK



Patrick Haines is an experienced trial lawyer in civil, water, criminal, and bankruptcy courts. He has successfully tried over 30 jury trials. His current practice focuses on civil and commercial, real estate, water, environmental, and bankruptcy creditor litigation in the state and federal courts of Colorado and bankruptcy courts across the nation. Mr. Haines has been very successful at delivering favorable outcomes to a wide variety of clients in these practice areas through detailed investigation, diligent legal analysis, focused trial advocacy, and plain language communication of the strengths, weaknesses, and key issues of his clients' interests. Among his accomplishments, Patrick has obtained judgments or settlements in favor of clients in Colorado Water District 1, Colorado District Courts across the front range and western slope, the U.S. District Court for Colorado, the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for the Southern District of Texas and District of Colorado, and through mediation and settlement negotiation.

Mr. Haines earned his law degree at the University of Colorado School of Law, where he returns periodically to teach Trial Advocacy. Prior to joining Berg Hill Greenleaf Ruscitti LLP, Mr. Haines served as a Deputy District Attorney for the 20th Judicial District (Boulder) and clerked for former 20th Judicial District Chief Judge (now Colorado Supreme Court Justice) Maria Berkenkotter. Prior to earning his undergraduate degree in environmental science summa cum laude at The Ohio State University, Mr. Haines served six years in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he was decorated for his service in the first Persian Gulf War.

Mr. Haines is the former chair of the Colorado Judicial Performance Commission for the 20th Judicial District and a former finalist for judicial appointment to the County Court bench in Boulder. He spends his time away from the office biking, hiking, practicing guitar, and enjoying time with his wife and three sons

EXPERIENCE



CIVIL & COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

Mr. Haines combines broad litigation experience with the ability to efficiently learn the facts and legal nuances of a case, making him a very effective advocate across a wide range of subject matters. His recent successes include winning trial judgment in favor of a residential property owner whose tenant forged documents to wrongfully claim ownership of the home; defeating a preliminary injunction and securing the complete dismissal of non-compete covenant and trade secret misappropriation claims against a startup business; winning judgment for possession and money damages against the holdover tenant of a coveted downtown Boulder restaurant location; and negotiating settlements and lease amendments for both commercial landlords and tenants impacted by the COVID19 economic crisis.

WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Mr. Haines has delivered several trial judgments for water rights holders in Colorado Water Division 1 Court and has successfully settled hundreds more water application opposition matters. Mr. Haines' clients range from one large municipality with valuable senior water rights in need of protection in water court to several smaller Boulder County irrigators whose needs tend more toward advice to boards of directors and negotiating and drafting easements, agreements, and transactional documents. Mr. Haines was recently part of the legal team that won a liability judgment in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado against a large front range municipality for violations of Clean Water Act stormwater permit terms, working with the Colorado Attorney General and U.S. Department of Justice to protect water quality on the lower Arkansas River. He also advocates and advises clients regarding air pollution compliance and permitting disputes.

BANKRUPTCY & CREDITORS RIGHTS

Mr. Haines represents creditors in bankruptcy proceedings and has successfully recovered both secured and unsecured claims through vigorous advocacy and innovative pursuit of debtor resources outside of the bankruptcy estate (such as payment bonds). Mr. Haines recognizes that some bankruptcy creditor claims may not be large enough to justify the expense of full engagement by counsel but are still significant to the client, so he has developed a practice strategy that includes advising clients, monitoring filings, and ensuring that deadlines and orders are communicated to clients to optimize client recoveries without generating prohibitive legal expenses. Mr. Haines is admitted to the Colorado bankruptcy bar and has also represented clients in the bankruptcy courts of Georgia and Texas.



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EDUCATION



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ADMISSIONS



U.S. Bankruptcy Court - District of Colorado

U.S. District Court - District of Colorado

U.S. District Court - Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals

Colorado



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