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PRACTICES

Business Litigation
Environmental Litigation
ERISA and Benefits Litigation
Federal Lands Permitting
Employment Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Energy and Resources
Oil and Gas Litigation

EDUCATION

University of Colorado Law School, J.D.,
2012

University of Colorado Law Review,
Editor in Chief
Order of the Coif

Wheaton College, B.A., Economics, 2007
Certificate in Human Needs and Global
Resources "HNGR"

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado
Wyoming

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth
Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth
Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of
Colorado
U.S. District Court for the District of
Columbia
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District
of Texas

Mark provides clear-eyed, sound legal judgment to clients facing legal disputes while efficiently and consistently delivering first-rate, compelling advocacy.

Mark has provided these twin pillars of wise counsel and excellent advocacy to numerous clients in many different contexts. His wide-ranging commercial-litigation experience includes disputes involving renewable-energy projects, insurance, real-estate and development disputes, and civil-rights complaints. He also represents companies and individuals outside the traditional courtroom setting, including in arbitrations and mediations, and during investigations conducted by government agencies.

Mark is particularly known for the quality of his written and oral advocacy. He has presented oral argument in federal district courts and in the Ninth and Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, and has written countless briefs in both trial and appellate courts. And the most important readers of those briefs—the judges—have praised them as “nicely phrased” and “excellent.” His written briefs provide compelling, powerful, and persuasive arguments expressed clearly, concisely, and elegantly. Mark strives to express his clients’ arguments with what David Foster Wallace called “incredibly clear, beautiful, alive, urgent, crackling-with-voltage prose.”

Mark’s passion for counseling clients through legal disputes while providing them with exceptional advocacy has been forged over many years. Before joining Holland & Hart, Mark practiced as a senior litigation associate at an Am Law 15 law firm. Before private practice, Mark served as a judicial clerk to Judge Alan B. Johnson of the U.S. District Court of Wyoming, and for Judge Gregory A. Phillips of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. During law school, he served as the editor in chief of the University of Colorado Law Review, and as a judicial intern to then-Judge Neil M. Gorsuch of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Pretrial Advocacy and Case Management: What Law Schools Don't Teach You," *National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) Webcast*, June 28, 2022

RECOGNITION

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Commercial Litigation, 2021-2025