

Wesley B. Howard

Wes Howard was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska, where he attended public schools and was active in sports and drama. The first member of his family to earn a college degree, he was awarded a prestigious Stephen F. Tyng Fellowship at Williams College which helped pay for not only his four year college degree, but also his law degree from the University of Denver College of Law. Prior to attending law school, Wes taught first grade and kindergarten, worked as a carpenter and directed social service centers in the inner city.

From 1980 to 1982 Wes served as law clerk to the Honorable Jean S. Breitenstein, Senior Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

In 1983, Wes was awarded a grant under the US-Spain Friendship Treaty to study water law in Madrid.

Wes has been on the Colorado Super Lawyers® list since 2009 for business litigation, general litigation and business/corporate law.

He remembers fondly the days of being fluent in Spanish and maintains a keen interest in the language and culture of Latin countries. For 2009, Wes was selected to the Super Lawyers® list for Colorado.

Wes is an active member of the Denver, Colorado, and American Bar Associations, as well as several civic organizations including the City Club of Denver and the Williams College Alumni Association of Colorado, of which he has served as President. He is a Colorado Bar Fellow.

The parents of two children, Wes and his wife, Patricia, are involved as volunteers with the Denver Public Schools and are active in volunteer activities in the Washington Park neighborhood of Denver.

Wes served as the first President of the Denver Soccer Club, a non-profit corporation serving Denver youth. He is also active in soccer as a player, coach and referee.

Practice Areas

Commercial and Business Law
Real Estate Litigation
Securities Industry Arbitrations
Employment Law
Probate Litigation

Representative Matters

- Defended a major resort development dealer in a commercial arbitration, resulting in a complete defense decree and an award of \$790,000 for his clients
- Represented tenant in successful suit against office building owner. Settlement amount exceeded twice the value of the client's business

- Successfully prosecuted bad faith case in federal court against a major insurance carrier, resulting in a settlement of almost \$2 million
- Obtained injunctions to protect misappropriation of trade secrets
- Obtained orders removing personal representations in contested estate and will contests
- Sued major hospital to prevent it from wrongfully acquiring a \$2.5 million MRI facility owned by private physicians