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J. MICHAEL KEANE

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Principal Areas of Practice

Civil Litigation, Construction Law, Business Litigation, Professional Negligence Defense, Employment & Labor Law, Government Relations



J. Michael Keane (“Mike”) spends the majority of his time acting as outside general counsel for closely-held businesses in a variety of industries including agriculture, professional services, real estate, manufacturing, and other small business owners. In this capacity, Mike is responsible for coordinating and implementing comprehensive legal strategies for his clients and is often relied upon to help execute real estate transactions, form entities, execute tax-motivated transactions, and manage the general legal needs of his clients. Mike also serves as the managing officer for the firm. Managing the law firm provides Mike with insight on what it takes to run a successful business as well as how to provide sound legal advice.

Focusing the first 8 years of his practice on business, real estate, and local government litigation, Mike brings to his work the mind of a litigator, focused on ensuring that the work he performs is as litigation-proof as possible. Unlike most transactional lawyers, when negotiations turn contentious, Mike is able to provide seamless representation in mediations and arbitrations because of his significant prior experience as a litigator.

Mike also guides public entity clients through real estate and business transactions with his ability to navigate applicable regulations and statutes. These clients include school and special districts.

What is most remarkable about Mike—except to the people who know him—is despite the high-stakes guidance he provides, he keeps cool and a sense of perspective irrespective of how complex and challenging the situation. He is relentlessly client-focused, bringing his skills as a careful listener, quick study, and highly responsive advisor into every client relationship. Clients consider him to be highly responsive and knowledgeable.

Before joining Garrett Hemann Robertson in 2013, Mike was a shareholder in the Denver, Colorado law firm Norton, Smith & Keane, P.C. He graduated from St. Louis University School of Law in 2004 in the top 10% of his class and then clerked for Judge Sandra I. Rothenberg at the Colorado Court of Appeals. Mike is on the Board of Directors for both the Catholic Community Services Foundation, where he also serves on the property subcommittee, as well as serving as Vice-Chair on the Executive Counsel of SEDCOR (Strategic Economic Development Corporation). In 2020, Mike was elected as the firm’s Managing Officer

Education and Admissions:

St. Louis University School of Law, J.D.
Truman State University, B.A., History

Colorado State Bar, 2004
Oregon State Bar, 2013

Professional Distinctions, Affiliations & Experience:

American Bar Association
Marion County Bar Association
Colorado Special District Association (former member)
Colorado Municipal League (former member)

Denver Bar Association
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