

THE LEONE LAW FIRM

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Attorney Profile

BRIAN R. LEONE is a Colorado civil attorney. He maintains a diverse practice emphasizing litigation, business, construction, real estate and technology. Having lived and worked in Fort Collins for nearly two decades, he has a keen understanding of the local business climate and legal community.

In the litigation context, Mr. Leone has significant experience resolving business disputes (both internal and external); handling property boundary and easement contests; and bringing and defending construction defect and mechanics lien enforcement cases. He frequently assists clients who are owed money in the pursuit of their creditor's remedies, including recourse to lien rights and other collateral assets. An accomplished advocate in the realm of commercial and residential rentals, Mr. Leone has often represented landlords and tenants in litigation related to the use, occupancy, upkeep and valuation of leasehold interests. His zealous participation extends beyond the trial court, and he has a particularly keen enthusiasm for appeals and other post-judgment work. Indeed, Mr. Leone's decision to form THE LEONE LAW FIRM was motivated in large part by a desire to expand his availability for appellate litigation serving clients in the Front Range.

In addition to his work in the courtroom, Mr. Leone provides a wide variety of general business guidance, and devotes a significant portion of his practice to assisting clients with the preparation and negotiation of business contracts, leases, deeds, easements, covenant amendments, and other instruments necessary for businesses and individuals to handle their affairs efficiently and effectively. He has extensive experience helping computer and information technology companies to license, exploit and protect their valuable trade secrets and specialized know-how.

Before forming THE LEONE LAW FIRM, Mr. Leone was a shareholder with the Fort Collins firm of Myatt Brandes & Gast PC, where he practiced over thirteen years. Prior to that, Mr. Leone was an associate attorney with Lottner, Rubin, Fishman, Brown & Saul PC in Denver, Colorado. He received his law degree from the University of Colorado School of Law, where he acted as an associate articles editor on the Law Review and served as a teaching assistant for the school's legal writing program. While still attending law school, Mr. Leone worked as a legal research and writing extern for the Honorable John L. Kane Jr. of the U.S. Federal District Court and as a law clerk with the Office of the City Attorney in Boulder, Colorado. Before entering private practice, Mr. Leone completed a year-long judicial clerkship with the Honorable Alex J. Martinez of the Colorado Supreme Court.

Mr. Leone also holds a Bachelors Degree, *magna cum laude*, from Colorado State University, where he majored in political science with a minor emphasis in economics. He is a member of the Colorado and Larimer County Bar Associations and is authorized to practice law before both state and federal courts in Colorado. Mr. Leone has been named a "Rising Star" by the Colorado SUPER LAWYERS publication, and enjoys a "BV-Distinguished"[®] peer review rating from Martindale-Hubbell.[®] He has authored legal commentary and analysis for the COLORADO LAWYER and regularly conducts seminars and presentations for lawyers and non-lawyers concerning matters of interest.