

PROFILE

Hometown: Mendham, New Jersey

Law School:

The Ohio State University, JD, and University of Florida, LLM Taxation

Lives in: Boulder

Works at: OnKure, Inc.

Practice Area(s): Business Law

CBA Member Since: 1998

Keith Michael Olivia

Keith Olivia is general counsel and senior vice president of corporate affairs for an early-stage drug discovery and development company focused on oncology drugs. He enjoys working with entrepreneurial companies and playing in the Colorado mountains.

What do you like the most about your practice area?

I previously focused on corporate transactions in private practice. I now enjoy working on a broader set of legal matters for a life sciences company and the finance aspects of an early-stage company that's raising capital.

What do you wish you had learned in law school?

Practice skills associated with representing clients in transactional law through a clinical class. I also wish I had pursued more biology and chemistry classes as an undergraduate.

What organizations are you involved in?

I currently serve on the *Colorado Lawyer* Advisory Board and the Colorado Securities Board.

Outside the law, what are your hobbies?

Telemark skiing, road and mountain biking, small wave surfing, and reading about ancient Roman history.

Favorite spot in Colorado:

Vail Valley and Southwestern Colorado.

On your desk right now:

History of Rome by Michael Grant.

Most random job you've ever had?

Pedicab driver in Hawaii and commercial fishing boat deckhand in Alaska.

What is the most rewarding moment of your practice?

The fact that OnKure is discovering and developing drugs that may one day have very positive patient outcomes.

What is your dream career?

I've taught at the University of Colorado's Entrepreneurial Law Clinic and Colorado State University's Global Social Sustainable Enterprise MBA program. I'd love to pursue additional teaching opportunities.

What advice would you give a new lawyer?

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