



Scott Rosenbach

Scott Rosenbach practices corporate and commercial real estate law. He is a first-generation attorney and proudly gay. He is the incoming president of the Colorado LGBT Bar Association and an adjunct professor at DU Law.

PROFILE

Hometown:

Las Vegas

Law School:

University of Denver
Sturm College of Law

Lives in:

Denver

Works at:

Hogan Lovells US LLP

Practice Area:

Real Estate

CBA Member Since:

2017

Pronouns:

He/him/his

Describe yourself in five words.

Rescue-dog dad. Playful. Intelligent. Driven. Wanderlust.

Why did you become a lawyer?

I went to college with aspirations of becoming an architect. However, after my freshman English lit professor showed up to the first day of class carrying his bike, wearing a Dark Side of the Moon T-shirt and really short jorts, and exclaiming, “Get up. We’re having class in the orange grove today!” my allegiances swiftly changed to a major in English literature. That same professor encouraged me not to give up my love for design and projects and to explore becoming a real estate lawyer (I didn’t know that career even existed). I interned with a real estate firm the next semester and never looked back.

What is one of the most positive experiences you’ve had as a lawyer?

I recently led a successful campaign to have my law firm’s Denver office include pronouns on office and desk name plates. The mentorship and support I received from my colleagues and from office and firm leadership was incredible. The campaign is now going national, and soon all Hogan Lovells US offices will include pronouns on office and desk name plates (and other mediums).

On your desk right now:

Hand cream; a picture of my partner, Nick; a reed diffuser; a blue pen; a Real Estate Associate Benchmark packet; and a water bottle resting atop a *Where the Wild Things Are* coaster.

What do you like best about your practice area?

I like the breadth. Real estate law encompasses a variety of disciplines (development, renewable energy, leasing, purchase and sale, conservation, etc.), and as a young lawyer, I appreciate the opportunity to engage with so many areas.

If you weren’t a lawyer, you’d be:

A chef or a real estate developer.


What’s your favorite thing to cook?

Chicken enchiladas. My college roommate’s mother, whose family comes from Sonora, Mexico, taught me her recipe. It’s a two-day process.

What’s your favorite place to escape to in Colorado?

Glenwood Springs.

What advice would you give a new lawyer?

You’re right to prioritize a healthy work/life balance as you navigate lawyer-hood. The fundamental practices behind work/life balance are boundary setting and boundary maintenance. Developing an acumen for these practices will make your work life, and all other aspects of your life, flourish. Additionally, rather than asking directly about work/life balance in an interview, try framing the question differently. For example, you might ask, “What hobbies have you been able to maintain since becoming a lawyer?” 

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