

# Lawyers' Announcements

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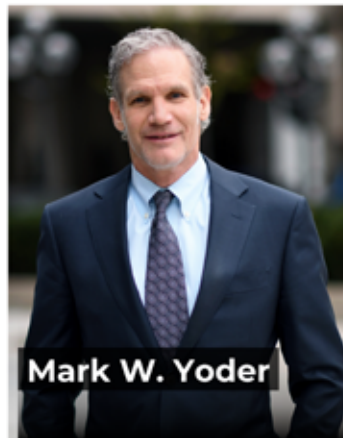
## COAN, PAYTON & PAYNE, LLC

proudly announces Kevin E. Holst and Mark W. Yoder are promoted to Partners of the firm



**Kevin E. Holst**

Kevin is a seasoned real estate and corporate attorney with more than 20 years of experience advising developers, resort operators, investors, and businesses across the Mountain West and beyond. His practice focuses on complex development projects, corporate transactions, and strategic counsel throughout the full lifecycle of real estate and business initiatives.



**Mark W. Yoder**

Mark is a highly experienced real estate and corporate attorney with more than 20 years of experience advising businesses, investors, and individuals on complex real estate, capital formation, securities, and corporate matters. He regularly serves as a trusted outside general counsel to companies of all sizes, providing strategic legal guidance across transactions, financings, and day-to-day business operations.

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**John Mallonee** is a seasoned trial lawyer and municipal attorney with more than 25 years of experience in complex civil litigation and governance matters. He represents businesses, municipalities, and individuals in commercial, civil rights, land use, and real estate disputes.

**Sarah Bernlohr** has over a decade of litigation experience. She first worked as a criminal public defender in Colorado Springs, and then, primarily, as a Guardian ad litem and Respondent Parent Counsel in Dependency and Neglect matters.

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Dan retired at the end of 2025 and will be missed by his colleagues and clients.

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**RYAN S. THORSON**



Ryan has been a partner since 2015, and we are excited to continue under his leadership.



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**DANIEL M. ST. JOHN II**



Johnson Dauster & Thorson is pleased to announce that Daniel M. St. John II has been appointed as a District Court Judge for the 8th Judicial District.

At our firm, Mr. St. John was a friend and leader. We are excited for Judge St. John as he embarks on this important role of service to our judicial system and community.

**WELLS FAMILY LAW, PC** is pleased to announce that Christopher "Toby" Erickson has joined the firm as Of Counsel. Toby devotes his practice exclusively to domestic relations matters. Previously a Partner at a highly regarded matrimonial law firm in the San Francisco area, he brings fifteen years of family law practice to Wells Family Law, PC.

Christopher T. Erickson



Toby's litigation experience, problem-solving ethos, and commitment to practicing family law with the highest degrees of ethics and professionalism are just some of the many fine qualities he brings to the firm. In addition, Toby is Collaboratively trained and intends to expand his practice in that area. We are pleased to welcome Toby and look forward to his contributions to the firm's growth and success.

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## Judicial Arbiter Group is elated Melissa Hart has joined the distinguished arbiters at JAG



Former Colorado Supreme Court Justice Melissa Hart joined Judicial Arbiter Group in February 2026. Justice Hart served on the Colorado Supreme Court from 2017 to 2026. As a member of the Court, she wrote opinions in civil criminal, domestic, water and other areas of the law. Justice Hart also served as the Court's liaison to the Standing Committee on Family Issues, and in that capacity worked with a broad-based committee to develop Colorado's first stand-alone Rules of Family Procedure.

Before being appointed to the Court, Justice Hart was a Professor of Law at the University of Colorado Law School, where she taught, among other courses, Employment Discrimination, Employment Law, Legal Ethics, and Civil Procedure. From 2010-2017, Justice Hart was the Director of the Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law.

She regularly drafted amicus briefs in appellate litigation on employment, constitutional, and legal ethics matters.

Justice Hart clerked for Judge Guido Calabresi of the Second Circuit and Justice John Paul Stevens of the United States Supreme Court. Prior to returning home to Colorado, she practiced law in Washington, D.C. for several years, including as a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice.

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## Lauren Gulley

has been promoted to the firm's partnership. Lauren's practice focuses on commercial real estate matters. She has extensive experience advising investors, developers, and large companies on a variety of real estate matters, including large-scale renewable energy projects, leasing, acquisitions, dispositions, hospitality transactions, and real estate title insurance.



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## Stephanie Danner

has been promoted to the firm's partnership. Stephanie's practice focuses on asset management, including mutual funds, investment advisers, and the formation of private equity and other alternative asset funds. In addition, she advises clients on general corporate and governance issues.



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