

Stuart Corbridge

Partner

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Stuart brings extensive experience concerning Colorado water rights law, detailed analysis and evaluation, and a client-focused management and counseling approach to the resolution of client water rights issues.

Stuart's Core Practices

Water Law

Stuart's practice focuses on water law and related issues such as water project development.

Water Law

Stuart is an experienced water law attorney representing municipalities, special districts, ditch companies, water user associations, and individual water users, including those engaged in agriculture, dairy farming, and ranching, in all aspects of water law. He also has experience with designated groundwater basin issues, groundwater management districts, and proceedings before the Colorado Groundwater Commission.

Stuart assists clients with the adjudication of conditional and absolute water rights (both surface and underground) and with the development, adjudication, and administration of plans for augmentation, changes of water rights, exchange cases, and substitute water supply plans. He also works with clients to resolve well permit issues and evaluates water rights purchase and sale transactions, conducting related water rights title examinations. In addition, Stuart is experienced with the review and drafting of contracts, easements, licenses, and other agreements related to water user structures and project development. When needed, he also advises clients on proposed water legislation before the Colorado Legislature.

Relevant Work History

Prior to joining BHGR, Stuart was a partner at Vranesh and Raisch, a boutique water law firm, and before that, he worked as a law clerk for Judge Roger A. Klein and Water Judge Jonathan W. Hays in the Div. 1 Water Court, 19th Judicial District, in Greeley, Colorado.

Education

J.D., University of Colorado Law School

B.A., University of Colorado

Admissions

- Colorado

Related Practices

- Water and Conservation

Associations

- Colorado Bar Association, Water Law Section Colorado Water Congress, State Affairs Committee
- Boulder County Bar Association

Publications

J. Corbridge, S. Corbridge, T. Rice, 2001 and 2003 Supplements to Vranesh's Colorado Water Law (Rev. Ed. 1999).

S. Corbridge, E. Riordan, "Attorney Fee Awards – Are They Appropriate If I Don't Prevail?," Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Special Institute on Natural Resources and Environmental Administrative Law & Procedure, Denver, Colorado, September 16-17, 2004.

Published Cases

Jim Hutton Educational Foundation v. Rein, 418 P.3d 1156 (Colo. 2018).

North Sterling Irrigation Dist. v. Simpson, 202 P.3d 1207 (Colo. 2009).

Harmony Ditch Co. v. Ground Water Management Subdistrict of Central Colo. Water Conservancy Dist., 136 P.3d 899 (2006).

Honors & Awards

Best Lawyers in America (2023-present)

Best Lawyers in America, Lawyer of the Year for Water Law in Colorado (2024)

Out + About

When he is not in the office, you will find Stuart spending time with his wife and family and being physically active. He enjoys bicycling, golfing, hockey, Alpine and Nordic skiing, and playing the guitar. Stuart also participates in volunteer coaching of youth hockey at his local YMCA.