
WilmerHale Leads All Firms in *Law Week Colorado's* Annual Barrister's Best Awards

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WilmerHale lawyers in the Denver office have been recognized with seven Barrister's Best awards from *Law Week Colorado*, more than any other law firm in the state. Five partners were selected for the seven awards, which recognize lawyers who are deemed "the best of the best" by Denver's legal community and the editors of *Law Week Colorado*.

The winners are:

Ben Fernandez, a partner in the office's IP Practice, was named Best Intellectual Property Lawyer. *Law Week Colorado* notes, "WilmerHale's local office has been rapidly growing, but intellectual property has been a key part of its work from day one. Fernandez works with corporate clients in a variety of industries on their IP matters and teaches the subject as well."

Natalie Hanlon Leh, co-partner-in-charge of the Denver office, was selected as Best Intellectual Property Litigator. *Law Week Colorado* notes, "As Denver has become more of a destination for intellectual property, the legal talent has gotten more impressive as well. And yet, Natalie Hanlon Leh has continued to be a leader in IP, especially as the Denver office of WilmerHale has grown."

Andy Spielman, co-partner-in-charge of the Denver office and the chair of the firm's global Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Practice, was honored as Best Renewable Energy Lawyer. *Law Week Colorado* notes, "It is safe to say that Andy Spielman has his ear to the ground. In addition to his successful practice that is centered around assisting energy clients, Spielman represents ski areas, oil and gas companies, and tribal governments."

Keith Trammell, who leads the office's Corporate Practice, was a three-time award winner. He was recognized as Best Private Equity Lawyer, Best Securities Lawyer and Best Mergers & Acquisitions Lawyer. *Law Week Colorado* notes, "No, it's not an error. Keith Trammell is on our list three times. The voting readers convinced us. Trammell is at the top of his field when it comes to all things M&A, including working with funding and private equity representation."

John Walsh, who leads the office's Litigation/Controversy Practice, was named Best Civil Litigator.

Law Week Colorado notes, “John Walsh is an easy pick for best litigator—with his experience as a private litigator as well as a nationally renowned US Attorney, Walsh clearly knows how to handle a trial. And as a partner in WilmerHale's growing local office and leader of the firm's government investigations practice, criminal litigation and civil litigation practice, we're expecting to see Walsh's civil success continue now that he's back in private practice.”