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Expertise

Real Estate, Construction Contracts, and Renewable & Alternative Energy

Education

University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, J.D., 2000

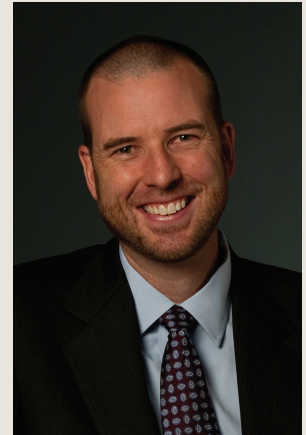
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, M.A., 1995

Santa Clara University, B.S., B.A., *cum laude*, 1992

Admitted In

Colorado

California



Paul Means is Special Counsel in the firm's Real Estate practice and Renewable Energy groups. He has extensive experience in all areas of real estate transactions, including leasing, acquisitions, dispositions, financing, development, construction and joint ventures. Mr. Means practiced real estate law for six years in the San Francisco area with the law firms of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe and Miller, Starr & Regalia. Since joining Davis Graham & Stubbs in 2006, Mr. Means has continued to represent companies in traditional real estate transactions, while expanding his practice to include representation of renewable energy companies engaged in Colorado's emerging renewable energy sector. In addition, he is involved in Denver's green construction wave, speaking frequently on legal issues related to leasing in LEED-certified and other green buildings. Mr. Means also devotes time to conservation and historic preservation issues.

Recent transactions include:

- Representing a national railroad company in the transfer to State and tribal authorities of a 72-mile rails-to-trails project
- Assisting a major air medical company with the financing and acquisition of ground leased corporate headquarters at Centennial Airport
- Advising solar and wind energy companies on real estate issues related to siting utility-scale projects in Colorado
- Negotiating the lease of a 75,000 square foot corporate headquarters for a Denver company

Publications and speeches include:

- *Green Buildings: The Present and Future in Colorado* – DGS Renewable Energy Series Seminar (April 8, 2009)
- *Developing a Renewable Energy Site* – presented before the Real Estate Section of the Colorado Bar Association (March 5, 2009) and at the DGS Renewable Energy Series Seminar (June 26, 2008)
- *Green Office Leases* – presented before DGS clients (Oct. 2, 2007) and to Women in Real Estate (Feb. 12, 2008)
- *Closing and Conveyance* – presented before attendees at the Colorado Bar Association Seminar "Real Estate Transactions: Purchase and Sale Fundamentals" (May 4, 2007)
- "Design Build Contractors Beware," *California Real Estate Journal* (March 21, 2005)

Mr. Means is a LEED Green Associate™ as well as an active member of the Downtown Denver Partnership, the Land Trust Alliance and the Colorado Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council.

While studying law at the University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, he was a member of the *California Law Review*. Mr. Means also holds a Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is an ardent Tar Heels fan.

Mr. Means lives in the City of Denver with his wife and three children. Mr. Means is a Master Composter with the City of Denver and gives occasional workshops on the topic.