

# MARK E. LACIS

## Attorney at Law

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### Biography

Mark Lacis is a business attorney who represents clients in complex commercial litigation cases in federal and state courts. He serves as the firm's in-house ethics counsel and manages Ireland Stapleton's Intellectual Property Practice Group. In addition to his trial practice, Mr. Lacis counsels clients in a wide-array of contract, cybersecurity and other business matters and assists individuals with their estate planning needs.

In addition to his legal practice, Mr. Lacis is an elected official and serves on the Town of Superior's Board of Trustees. As Trustee, he represents 13,000 constituents and is responsible for adopting Ordinances and Resolutions, appropriating funds to conduct Town business, and providing policy direction for Town governance in legislative, quasi-judicial, and administrative proceedings.

Further, Mr. Lacis was appointed by Governor John Hickenlooper to the Judicial Performance Commission for the 20th Judicial District, where he is responsible for reviewing the performance of judges and making recommendations for judges standing for retention. Mr. Lacis is a Member of the Colorado Bar Association's Ethics Committee and a Board Member of the Colorado Lawyers Trust Account Foundation (COLTAF), where he oversees the administration of trust fund account distributions to Colorado Legal Services.

### Legal Experience

- Lead trial counsel in obtaining a complete plaintiff's verdict in jury trial involving breach of guaranty agreement related to sale of business, *Basiliko v. Washington*, No. 2008cv907 (Jefferson County, Colo.).
- Lead trial counsel in obtaining a complete plaintiff's verdict of possession and damages after bench trial for landlord-tenant eviction proceeding, *Youngdon Yun, et al. v. Cihan Karaketir*, No. 2009c10529 (Denver County, Colo.).
- Trial counsel in obtaining a complete plaintiff's verdict for real-estate developer and an award of punitive damages in jury trial involving allegations of bad faith breach of insurance contract by title insurance company, *WPR Development v. Old Republic National Title Insurance Co.*, No. 2009cv5505 (Jefferson County, Colo.).



### Practice Areas

Business  
Estate Planning  
Intellectual Property  
Litigation

### Education

Seton Hall University  
School of Law  
J.D., 2005, cum laude, member,  
Journal of Sports & Entertainment  
Law, member, Interscholastic Moot  
Court Board, member, Civil Litigation  
Clinic

Rutgers College  
B.A., political science, 2001  
summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa.,  
Henry Rutgers Scholar, member,  
Eagleton Institute of Politics

### Honors & Awards

Selected to *Colorado Super Lawyers*  
for business litigation, 2013-2019



### Admissions

Admitted to practice in Colorado  
Admitted to practice in New Jersey  
Admitted to practice in New York  
U.S. District Court for the District of  
Colorado

## Legal Experience

- Trial counsel in obtaining first-of-its-kind plaintiff's ruling enforcing the sale of the intellectual property rights, including the right of publicity of a living individual to his former company, *Warren Miller Entertainment, Inc. v. Warren Miller*, AAA 771400048509SIM, Reasoned Award of Arbitrators available at *Warren Miller Entertainment, Inc. v. Level 1 Productions, Inc.*, No 09-CV-2254-CMA-BNB [Doc. 35-1] (D. Colo.).
- Obtaining favorable settlement in case involving allegations of trade-dress infringement – *WCM Industries, Inc. v. Jay R. Smith Manufacturing Co., et al.*, No. 12-CV-03019-WJM-CBS (D. Colo.).
- Successfully enforced the trademark rights of client and obtained favorable settlements preserving said rights, *BMW of North America, LLC et al. v. Autowerks East, Inc., et al.*, No. 2009-CV-01009-JLK (D. Colo.); *BMW of North America, LLC et al. v. Autowerks Colorado, Inc.*, No. 2008-CV-02345-REB-KLM (D. Colo.).
- Won enforcement of non-solicitation and non-compete provisions and favorable settlement in dispute concerning former employee, *MSR West Inc. v. Schulz*, No. 2012cv5722 (Denver County, Colo.).
- Successfully resolved a complex mechanic's lien dispute, *Shaw Builders LLC v. AZCO II LLC, et al.*, No. 2009cv82 (Summit County, Colo.).
- Won favorable settlement over disputed commercial real estate commission, *Darling v. El Cerro Properties, et al.*, No. 2012cv741 (Arapahoe County, Colo.).
- Successfully resolved claims against title insurer in case alleging negligent and fraudulent releases of deeds of trust, *Citywide Banks v. Sarantinos, et al.*, No. 2009cv555 (Adams County, Colo.).
- Obtained favorable global settlement of complex construction defect litigation, *Four Mile Canyon Creek LLC v. Shaw Construction LLC*, No. 2006cv650 (Boulder County, Colo.).
- Won favorable settlement for food producer in breach of contract action, *Wyandot Inc. v. Fullbar LLC*, No. 2012cv933 (Arapahoe County, Colo.).
- Successfully represented a nonprofit land use client in an appeal to reverse a county's dec open pit mine in a residential area (Larimer County, Colo.).

## Testimonials

- "My experience overall had been very pleasant and professional and Mark has become a good friend. They advise me of my potential results before moving forward and they understand all the possible ramifications of the disputes. Their strength is size, knowledge and connections. Mark also took the time to fully understand my business before giving any advice." Client, *Chambers USA 2016*
- "Mark is very professional, smart and practical. He exhibits very high ethical standards and shows respect for our justice system. You can count on his word." Peer Review, *Martindale-Hubbell*, March 4, 2016

## Admissions

U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

### **Testimonials**

- “Mark is a solid lawyer and a zealous advocate for his clients.” Peer Review, *Martindale-Hubbell*, March 4, 2016
- “Mark Lacin has been an incredible attorney in my experience with him. He did everything he told me he would do and did it promptly while keeping me informed step-by-step. Mark made me feel confident in all the difficult decisions I had to make and made me feel safe during one of the most stressful times in my life. His knowledge, confidence, and compassion is the reason my case was a success! I HIGHLY recommend Mark Lacin! Thank you Mark! You are #1 in my book!!” Client Review, *AVVO*, March 2, 2016
- “Strong display of civility during the litigation. Did not denigrate the opposition, even though there were some very weak points.” Peer Review, *Martindale-Hubbell*, February 26, 2016
- “Mark has excellent analytic abilities and strong communication skills.” Peer Review, *Martindale-Hubbell*, February 26, 2016
- “Mr. Lacin is very personable and very knowledgeable. It was comforting to have him working on our behalf.” Client Review, *Martindale-Hubbell*, February 25, 2016

### **Memberships**

- Board of Trustees, Town of Superior (2016 - present)
- Planning Commission, Town of Superior (2014-2016)
- Member, Colorado Bar Association’s Ethics Committee
- American Bar Association, Sections of Litigation, Business Law and Intellectual Property
- Colorado Bar Association
- Boulder Bar Association

### **Media**

- Quoted in *The Colorado Sun*, [“In rare case, Colorado judge says permit must be reheard because of contributions to county commissioner's campaign.”](#) August, 22, 2019
- Quoted in Ireland, Stapleton, Pryor & Pascoe press release. [“Johnstown Residents Prevail Against Open Pit Gravel Mine.”](#) August 15, 2019