

In The Community

Leadership in the community is an integral part of our attorneys' professional lives. Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell believes that active involvement in the community makes us better attorneys and better equipped to understand the challenges that our clients face in tackling complex problems in public settings. The Firm considers community, civic, and charitable leadership indispensable to developing effective attorneys and counselors.

Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell attorneys are active members and leaders in our community. The Firm encourages all our attorneys to play leadership roles in charitable and community organizations that are both related and unrelated to our firm's practice areas. Our attorneys have served as Board members, pro bono legal counsel, and informal advisors to a wide range of civic, community, religious, advocacy, charitable, municipal advisory, and cultural organizations. These are not only local institutions in the cities in which we have offices but often have regional, state, national, and international reach.

Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell was awarded the Legal Aid Foundation Associates Campaign Award as **Champions of Justice** in 2009-2012 for having the highest firm per capita gift to the Legal Aid Foundation of Colorado. Every one of the Firm's Denver associates participated in the campaign. In 2013, the Firm tied for having the highest firm per capita gift. Since 2014, Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell has ranked in the top five for contributing the highest firm per capita gift.

Community Leadership

Bar and Legal Organizations

- 20th Judicial District Nominating Commission (Polly Jessen)
- American Bar Association, Technology Chair, Forum on Air & Space Law, Chair (Steven Osit)
- Association of Transportation Law Professionals (Editor for Highlights Commuter Rail Column; Program Chair, Annual Meeting 2013, Chuck Spitulnik; Program Chair, Annual Meeting 2015, Allison Fultz)
- Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group (Lori Potter)
- Cleantech and Climate Change Committee, ABA Section of Science & Technology, Co-Chair (Heather Haney)
- Colorado Lawyers Committee, Board of Directors, Education Task Force (John Putnam)
- Energy Bar Association (Sarah Keane)
- Faculty of Federal Advocates, Co-Founder and Board Member (Lori Potter)
- Federal Bar Association, Board Member, Transportation and Transportation Security Law Section (Steven Osit)
- International Municipal Lawyers Association, Chair, Transportation Section (Peter Kirsch)

Industry-Affiliated Organizations

- Airports Council International – North America Environmental Affairs Committee (John Putnam)



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- Aviation Council of Pennsylvania, Board Member (Eric Smith)
- Colorado Chapter of the National Brownfield Association, Executive Committee Member; Policy and Legislative Subcommittee Co-Chair (Polly Jessen)
- National Civil Aviation Review Commission (Mineta Commission), Vice Chair (Steve Kaplan)
- National Research Council, Member (John Putnam)
- Transportation Research Board – Committee on Transit and Intermodal Transportation Law (Allison Fultz)
- Young Professionals in Transportation, Member (Christian Alexander)

Community, Educational, and Civic Organizations

- Boulder Cycling Club, High Ride Ambassador; Board Member (Nick Clabbers)
- Brian Anselmino Memorial Fund, Board Member (Eric Smith)
- Bromwell School CDM (Governance) Committee, Chair (Peter Kirsch)
- Businesses Unified for Denver Public Schools Committee (Polly Jessen)
- Capitol Hill South Advisory Neighborhood Commission, Planning and Zoning Committee, Member (Christian Alexander)
- Children’s Museum of Denver, Board of Directors (Steve Kaplan)
- City of Boulder Planning Board, Member (John Putnam)
- City and County of Denver Infrastructure Priorities Task Force/City Facilities Subcommittee (Sarah Rockwell)
- Colorado Rugby, Board of Directors (Heather Haney)
- Colorado ULI Executive Committee, Business Development (Sarah Rockwell)
- Colorado ULI Technical Advisory Panels (Sarah Rockwell)
- Denver Civic Ventures, Board of Directors; Vice Chair (Sarah Rockwell)
- Denver County Cultural Council (Peter Kirsch)
- Denver Museum of Contemporary Art, Board of Trustees (Peter Kirsch)
- Denver Public Schools Bond Oversight Committee (Steve Kaplan)
- Denver Union Station Project Authority Board (Steve Kaplan)
- Denver Zoning Code Task Force (Steve Kaplan)
- Denver Zoo, Board Member (Steve Kaplan)



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- Downtown Denver Annual Awards Jury (Polly Jessen)
- Downtown Denver Leadership Program (Polly Jessen)
- Downtown Denver Partnership, Housing Policy Task Force, Chair (Sarah Rockwell)
- Downtown Denver Partnership, Management Group (Sarah Rockwell)
- Lowry Redevelopment Authority, Chair and Member (Sarah Rockwell)
- Mayor's Development Advisory Group, Member (Steve Kaplan)
- Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers, Board Member (Sarah Rockwell)
- Montessori Academy of Colorado (Katie van Heuven)
- Montgomery County Board of Appeals (Allison Fultz)
- The Musical Theater Center (now Adventure Theater MTC) (Chuck Spitulnik)
- Pittsburgh Human Resources Association, Member (Eric Smith)
- Potomac Pedalers Touring Club, Board Member (Eric Pilsk)
- SafeHouse Denver, Former Member (Steve Kaplan)
- University of Colorado Law School Orientation Leadership Program (Nick Clabbers)
- University of Colorado Leeds School of Business - 50 for Colorado Leadership Development Program (Katie van Heuven)
- Washington Waldorf School Trustees Council (Chair – Allison Fultz; Adjunct Faculty, Board of Directors, Chairman – Chuck Spitulnik)
- Winter Park Recreational Association, Board of Directors; President (Sarah Rockwell)

Local Environmental and Advocacy Organizations

- Center for ReSource Conservation (Polly Jessen)
- City of Boulder Environmental Advisory Board, Chair Member (John Putnam)
- City of Boulder, Open Space, Board of Trustees (John Putnam)
- Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts, Counsel (Bill Silberstein)
- Colorado Conservation Voters, Board of Directors (Peter Kirsch)
- Colorado Environmental Coalition, Board of Directors (Lori Potter)
- Colorado I Have a Dream Foundation, Board of Directors; Former President (Steve Kaplan)
- Colorado Preservation, Inc., Board Member (Sarah Rockwell)



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- Conservation Colorado, Board of Directors (Peter Kirsch)
- Denver Botanic Gardens, Board of Trustees (Peter Kirsch)
- Elephant Energy Eagle Energy Program, Volunteer Interim Program Director (Christian Alexander)
- Front Range Earth Force, Board of Directors (Lori Potter)
- Public Counsel of the Rockies, Board of Directors (Lori Potter)
- Regional Air Quality Council, Member (John Putnam)
- Rivers Alive, Board Member (Nate Hunt)
- Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute Regional Advisory Board, Member (Sarah Rockwell)
- Savannah Riverkeeper, Board Member (Nate Hunt)
- Team Colorado Whitewater Racing Club, Co-Founder; Vice President (John Putnam)
- Trust for Public Land, Colorado Board (Peter Kirsch)
- Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, Board of Directors (Peter Kirsch; Sarah Rockwell)

National Organizations

- EarthJustice, Council (Lori Potter)
- Land Trust Alliance Conservation Defense Committee and Council (Bill Silberstein)
- Oberlin College (Alumni Association President – Peter Kirsch, Chuck Spitulnik; Board of Trustees – Peter Kirsch)
- Partners for Rural Improvement and Development in Ethiopia, Co-Founder and Chairman (John Putnam)
- River Network, Board of Trustees; Chair (Peter Kirsch)
- Society for Human Resource Management, Member (Eric Smith)
- Turnaround Management Association, Member (Eric Smith)
- Yale University Alumni Schools Committee (Katie van Heuven)