



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. 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 the highest contributing firm per capita gift.

Community Leadership

Bar and Legal Organizations

- 20th Judicial District Nominating Commission (Polly Jessen)
- American Bar Association (Co-Chair, Cleantech and Climate Change Committee, Science & Technology Section – Heather Haney; Technology Chair, Forum on Air & Space Law – Steven Osit; Member, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section – Tom Bloomfield; Member, Environment, Energy, and Resources Section – Tom Bloomfield; Sara Mogharabi)
- 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 - 1994-1997)
- Colorado Lawyers Committee
- Energy Bar Association, Member (Sarah Keane)
- Faculty of Federal Advocates, Co-Founder and Board Member (Lori Potter - 1996-1998)
- Federal Bar Association, Board Member, Transportation and Transportation Security Law Section (Dave Bannard; Steven Osit)
- International Municipal Lawyers Association, Chair, Transportation Section (Peter Kirsch)
- The Law Club, Member (Samantha Caravello)
- National Association of Bond Lawyers, Member (Dave Bannard)



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- National Association of Women Lawyers, Co-Chair, Energy and Environmental Law Affinity Group (Sara Mogharabi)
- New York City Bar Association, Project Finance Committee Member (Emily Eads)

Industry-Affiliated Organizations

- Airports Consultants Council and ACC Members Foundation, Board of Directors (Peter Kirsch)
- Airports Council International – North America
- American Public Transportation Association, Member, Legal Affairs Committee (Suzanne Silverman; Byron Smith)
- 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)
- Metropolitan Railway Club of New York, Member (Suzanne Silverman)
- National Civil Aviation Review Commission (Mineta Commission), Vice Chair (Steve Kaplan)
- National Parks Overflights Advisory Group, Environmental Representative (Bob Randall)
- Transportation Research Board (Legal Committee Chair, Airport Cooperative Research Program – Dave Bannard; Committee Member, Transit and Intermodal Transportation Law – Allison Fultz; Panel Member, Transportation Cooperative Research Program – Byron Smith)
- Women's Energy Network, Colorado Chapter Member (Samantha Caravello; Riley Cutner-Orrantia)
- Young Professionals in Transportation, Member (Christian Alexander)

Community, Educational, and Civic Organizations

- Advisory Neighborhood Commission, Capitol Hill South Planning and Zoning Committee Member (Christian Alexander)
- 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)
- Children's Museum of Denver, Board of Directors (Steve Kaplan)
- City and County of Denver Infrastructure Priorities Task Force/City Facilities Subcommittee (Sarah Rockwell)
- Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce, Women of Influence and Impact Leadership Program (Sara Mogharabi)



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- Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, Member (Bob Randall)
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission, Member (Bob Randall)
- Colorado Rugby, Board of Directors (Heather Haney)
- Colorado ULI Executive Committee, Business Development (Sarah Rockwell)
- Colorado ULI Technical Advisory Panels (Sarah Rockwell)
- Dartmouth Association of the Rocky Mountains, Board Member and Treasurer (Tom Bloomfield)
- Denver Civic Ventures, Board of Directors; Vice Chair (Sarah Rockwell)
- Denver County Cultural Council (Peter Kirsch)
- Denver Digs Trees, Community Forester (Brent Butzin)
- Denver Foundation (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 Member (Steve Kaplan)
- Denver YIMBY, Found Member (Brent Butzin)
- Denver Zoning Code Task Force (Steve Kaplan)
- Denver Zoo, Board Member (Steve Kaplan)
- 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)
- Emory International Law Review, Executive Board Member (Suyash Raiborde)
- Lowry Redevelopment Authority, Chair and Member (Sarah Rockwell)
- Mayor's Development Advisory Group, Member (Steve Kaplan)
- Mentor Upstate, Mentor (Suyash Raiborde)
- Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers, Board Member (Sarah Rockwell)
- Montessori Academy of Colorado (Katie van Heuven)



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- 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)
- YMCA Judson Community Center, Board Member (Suyash Raiborde)

Local Environmental and Advocacy Organizations

- Center for ReSource Conservation (Polly Jessen)
- Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts, Counsel (Bill Silberstein)
- Colorado Conservation Voters, Board of Directors (Peter Kirsch)
- Colorado Environmental Coalition, Board of Directors (Lori Potter - 2007-2012)
- Colorado I Have a Dream Foundation, Board of Directors; Former President (Steve Kaplan)
- Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board, Board Member (Bob Randall)
- Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (Bob Randall)
- Colorado Preservation, Inc., Board Member (Sarah Rockwell)
- Colorado Water Conservation Board, Board of Directors (Bob Randall)
- 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 - 2006-2010)
- Great Outdoors Colorado, Board of Trustees (Bob Randall)



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- GRID Alternatives Colorado, Board Chair (Sarah Keane)
- Natural Resource Damages Trustees Council, Member (Bob Randall)
- Public Counsel of the Rockies, Board of Directors (Lori Potter - 2003-2019)
- Rivers Alive, Board Member (Nate Hunt)
- Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute Regional Advisory Board, Member (Sarah Rockwell)
- Savannah Riverkeeper, Board Member (Nate Hunt)
- The Trust for Land Restoration, Advisory Board (Tom Bloomfield)
- Trust for Public Land, Colorado Board (Peter Kirsch)
- Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, Board of Directors (Peter Kirsch; Sarah Rockwell)

National Organizations

- EarthJustice, Board of Trustees (2017-Present), Council (2014-2017) (Lori Potter)
- GRID Alternatives, Member (Sarah Keane)
- Land Trust Alliance Conservation Defense Committee and Council (Bill Silberstein)
- Oberlin College (Alumni Association President – Peter Kirsch, Chuck Spitulnik; Board of Trustees – Peter Kirsch)
- 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)