



LITIGATION

At BHGR, we understand the importance of identifying all available options for our clients to successfully resolve disputes without litigation. When litigation is required, however, our highly skilled trial lawyers will vigorously pursue the client's objectives and maximize the chances for a successful outcome at trial. Litigation is the largest practice group at BHGR. Our lawyers have experience representing clients in a broad range of cases, including ADR and Mediation, Anti-Trust and Business Competition, Complex Commercial and Civil, Personal Injury and Criminal Defense.

The firm consistently achieves successful results for our clients by implementing innovative strategies in the courtroom and maintaining a consistent focus on the client's objectives. The firm utilizes the latest in document management systems and technology in order to efficiently manage the litigation process and maintain frequent and direct communication with our clients. BHGR believes that responsiveness to client concerns and input is vital to a successful litigation strategy.

BHGR attorneys also regularly counsel clients on ways to avoid litigation and minimize exposure to lawsuits. We frequently settle or resolve disputes promptly through creative negotiation, direct action, or alternative dispute resolution.

Our Litigation Attorneys

- George V. Berg, Jr., Managing and Founding Partner
- Richard F. Greenleaf, Founding Partner
- Giovanni M. Ruscitti, Founding Partner
- Kathleen T. Alt, Partner
- Jon N. Banashek, Partner
- Justin C. Berg, Partner
- Josh A. Marks, Partner
- Thomas E. Merrigan, Partner
- Jason T. Pink, Partner
- Heidi C. Potter, Partner
- Rudy E. Verner, Partner
- Melanie B. Lewis, Special Counsel
- Alan C. Friedberg, Of Counsel
- Mark D. Changaris, Associate
- Mary Sue Greenleaf, Associate
- Patrick M. Haines, Associate
- Katie Pratt, Associate
- Jack P. Storti, Associate
- Jeff Van der Veer, Associate
- Benjamin M. Wilson, Associate
- Sally Berg, Attorney
- Tasha J. Power, Associate
- J. Mark Smith, Special Counsel

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND MEDIATION

ADR is an alternative to the court system which offers clients an opportunity to resolve disputes quickly with reduced legal costs in a private forum. Our attorneys have significant experience not only advising clients regarding ADR, but also obtaining favorable outcomes

through this process. We are well experienced in several of the ADR processes and have resolved numerous disputes to the benefit of our clients through:

- Mediation
- Arbitration
- Med-Arb
- Mini-trials
- Dispute Review Boards
- Court Supervised Dispute Evaluation
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Several of our attorneys also act as neutral arbitrators and mediators. We also recognize that the time to address the use of ADR is through the contract formation process, and our lawyers draft ADR clauses to suit our clients' anticipated need.

Our Alternative Dispute Resolution and Mediation Attorneys

- Richard F. Greenleaf, Founding Partner
- Thomas E. Merrigan, Partner
- Giovanni M. Ruscitti, Founding Partner
- Rudy E. Verner, Partner
- J. Mark Smith, Special Counsel

COMPLEX COMMERCIAL AND CIVIL LITIGATION

Commercial litigation is one of BHGR's core practice areas. Our trial attorneys work closely with corporate counsel to understand the business realities faced by our clients and develop effective litigation strategies. We have substantive experience in numerous industries, from mining to commercial construction, and focus on the client's bottom line at every stage of a case.

BHGR represents clients in a broad range of commercial and civil matters in state and federal courts in Colorado and nationally, including:

- Breach of contract
- Business torts
- Construction disputes
- Partnership disputes
- Insurance coverage
- Land use and zoning issues
- Employment
- Litigation involving local governments
- Trade secret violations
- Unfair competition claims
- Constitutional law cases
- Environmental litigation
- Personal injury
- Eminent domain
- Appeals
- Securities
- Real estate
- Professional liability

Our Complex Commercial and Civil Litigation Attorneys

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- Giovanni M. Ruscitti, Founding Partner

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CRIMINAL DEFENSE

BHGR represents criminal defendants throughout the state of Colorado in a wide variety of matters including:

- Federal and state white-collar crimes such as fraud, embezzlement, money laundering, IRS tax violations, and environmental crime
- Federal and state drug offenses
- Crimes of violence such as assault and murder
- Property crimes
- Sex crimes
- DUI / DWI
- Criminal appeals
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Our clients include lawyers, doctors, corporate officers, and licensed professionals whose careers and reputations are at stake in a criminal matter. We also represent clients in collateral administrative matters which often accompany criminal charges such as license revocations, administrative registrations, professional, and academic disciplinary proceedings.

When defending clients charged with white-collar crimes such as fraud, we often call upon our business and tax law attorneys. When necessary, we use investigators, forensic accountants, expert witnesses, and medical and psychological consultants to provide a comprehensive defense strategy. Unlike many smaller law offices, we have the staff and resources to hit the ground running on cases that may involve dozens of witnesses and hundreds of thousands of pages of financial records or other documents.

When representing a client charged with a serious offense, our goal is to try and protect our client's interests using all resources available. If we are successful in preventing charges from being filed or having charges dismissed, our attorneys will seek records sealing or expungement so our clients do not face the stigma of a criminal arrest record.

Our Criminal Defense Attorneys

- Jon N. Banashek, Partner
- Kathleen T. Alt, Partner
- Jason T. Pink, Partner
- Patrick M. Haines, Associate

PERSONAL INJURY

Our personal injury attorneys represent plaintiffs and defendants in serious injury and wrongful death cases involving auto accidents, premises liability, medical malpractice, auto defects, product liability, and other types of negligence claims.

Professional Negligence

BHGR attorneys represent the rights and interests of business owners and professionals in the areas of professional negligence, officer and director liability, defamation, misrepresentation, fraud, and other torts.

Our Personal Injury Attorneys

- Jon N. Banashek, Partner
- Justin C. Berg, Partner
- Jason T. Pink, Partner
- Sally Berg, Attorney
- Kathleen T. Alt, Partner