Holland & Hart

PRACTICES

Business Litigation
Data Privacy and Information Security
Stakeholder Disputes
Environmental Litigation

EDUCATION

University of Virginia Law School, J.D., 1987

University of Kansas, B.S., 1984

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado

Craig Stewart

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Craig Stewart successfully represents clients from a broad array of industries in complex litigation, providing sound counsel when their reputations are on the line.

His clients rely on Craig for help in business, class action, resources/environmental, and lawyer professional liability litigation.

Craig has extensive trial experience in state and federal courts and administrative tribunals, including trials in cases involving disputes over corporate governance and control, complex contract interpretation, validity of mining claims, mining joint ventures, and natural resource damages under CERCLA.

Craig is a member of Holland & Hart's five-partner Management Committee, which oversees the firm's management and strategic direction. He also serves as counsel to the firm. From 2010-2017, he led the firm's 100-lawyer Business Litigation Practice Group.

EXPERIENCE

Corporate And Commercial Litigation

Craig works strategically with clients to resolve all types of corporate and commercial disputes and litigation, including:

- Contract disputes, including Uniform Commercial Code and other contract issues
- Professional liability, including legal malpractice defense
- Business torts, including negligent misrepresentation, fraud, concealment, conversion, and breach of fiduciary duty
- Corporate governance disputes, including officers' and directors' duties, dissolution, valuation, mismanagement, shareholder derivative issues, investment banking issues, and class action securities fraud
- Corporate ownership disputes, including management/leveraged buyouts and corporate misappropriation
- Partnership and joint venture disputes, including fiduciary duties, limited partnerships, valuation, and dissolution

Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Data Breach Issues

Craig assists clients in cybersecurity and privacy law, including:

- Data breach policies and procedures
- Data breach preparedness
- Cybersecurity or privacy incident preparedness
- Cybersecurity, privacy, or data breach litigation

Oil And Gas Litigation

Craig represents energy industry clients in a variety of matters, including:

- Gas royalty lawsuits, including class actions
- Land use litigation
- Litigation regarding commercial contracts

Environmental Litigation

Craig has represented clients facing a range of environmental issues, including:

- Toxic tort class actions
- CERCLA litigation for natural resources damages
- RCRA litigation
- Underground storage tank disputes

CLIENT RESULTS

Representative Matters

Lead lawyer in jury trial in Colorado state court defending aerospace company facing breach of contract and fraud claims with alleged damages of $70 million plus $25 million in prejudgment interest; tried two-week jury trial with a complete defense verdict.

Co-lead trial counsel for defendant software company facing class action claims in federal court in Michigan for product liability, other torts, and constitutional violations with potential for billions in damages; prevented class certification, and favorably settled case for remaining plaintiffs for mid five-figures.

Lead trial counsel for defendant software company in class action in federal court in Washington involving allegations that client's software violates state gambling laws.

Lead lawyer for client with major data breach; successfully resolved reporting and related issues.

Lead lawyer for defendant in Telephone Consumer Protection Act class action; no class was certified and successfully resolved matter with named plaintiff only.

Lead lawyer in jury trial in federal court defending major oil and gas client facing breach of contract, fraud, and tort claims with alleged damages of $12 million plus punitive damages; achieved dismissal of all tort claims,

and complete defense verdict on breach of contract claims

Lead lawyer representing former owner of lead mine in environmental case with RCRA, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and tort claims; resolved claims with client contributing no funds toward global settlement with value of more than $25 million.

Lead lawyer for AmLaw 200 firm in legal malpractice case; claims against client dismissed on motion for summary judgment.

Lead lawyer for AmLaw 200 firm in legal malpractice defense case; negotiated favorable settlement for client prior to deposition discovery.

Lead lawyer in commercial contract case against Fortune 50 client; successful motion for summary judgment to defeat fraud and tort claims.

Lead lawyer representing major oil and gas client in rulemaking proceedings before the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

Represented major oil and gas company in class action royalty litigation; case resolved successfully before trial.

Tried four-week administrative proceeding regarding validity of mining claims.

RECOGNITION

- American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow
- *Chambers USA*, Litigation: General Commercial, 2023-2026
- Colorado Lawyers Committee Outstanding Sustained Contribution Award, 2013
- *Benchmark Litigation,* Star and Future Star, 2011-2026
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Commercial Litigation, 2013-2027; Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2017-2027
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Lawyer of the Year, Bet-the-Company Litigation - Denver, 2022
- Legal 500 US City Elite - Denver, Commercial Disputes, 2026
- Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent® Rating
- Colorado Super Lawyers®*,* Business Litigation, 2012-2026
- Colorado Super Lawyers®*,* "Top 100 Lawyers," 2025
- *Lawdragon*, 500 Leading Litigators, Business Litigation, Class Actions, and Environmental, 2025, 2026
- ColoradoBiz, Colorado 500, Business Litigation, 2026

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Colorado Lawyers Committee, Board of Directors and Executive Committee, 1999-present
- American, Colorado, and Denver Bar Associations, Member

- Good Shepherd Foundation, Board of Directors, 2008-present
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow