Holland & Hart

PRACTICES

Business Litigation
Real Estate Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Construction and Development

EDUCATION

University of Santa Clara, J.D.
cum laude

University of Hawaii, B.S.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alaska

COURT ADMISSIONS

Alaska Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

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Mike leverages extensive knowledge of the State of Alaska to deliver strategic counsel to companies involved in construction, real estate, and commercial disputes.

Clients benefit from Mike's 46 years of experience advising businesses that drive Alaska's economy on a wide range of complex litigation matters. As the state's former Attorney General Mike brings valuable perspective and insight to help clients navigate Alaska's courts and engage with state government agencies.

Mike handles trials, appeals, administrative proceedings, and alternative dispute resolution proceedings on a broad array of issues from insurance coverage and bad faith to administrative and constitutional law. His advocacy experience includes jury and bench trials in civil and criminal cases throughout Alaska.

EXPERIENCE

Mike has a wide range of experience with complex litigation including:

- Construction Claims
- Bid Protests
- Insurance coverage
- OSHA regulations
- Contract claims
- Shareholder disputes

He has counseled clients in matters before:

- OSHA Review Board
- Alaska State Commission on Human Rights
- U.S. Land Commission
- State and Federal Courts

Mike has tried cases before juries across Alaska, including Fairbanks, Anchorage, Utqiagvik, Kenai, and Dillingham, and has appeared before the Alaska Supreme Court on a diverse range of matters.

CLIENT RESULTS

Insurance Coverage

Successfully extricated Native corporation from $50 million judgment obtained in Texas state court that was defended by large national firm involving, among other things, disputed insurance coverage issues.*

Litigation

Defended contractor against first ever homicide indictment in Alaska against corporation for a worker fatality that occurred on the North Slope of Alaska, culminating in a four-week trial.*

Successfully defended at trial a large municipality in Alaska against claims by prime contractor for several million dollars relating to a significant road rehabilitation project.*

Represented a prime contractor in complex multi-party suit claiming several hundred million dollars in damages arising out of large-scale improvements to the Port of Anchorage, at the time the largest public works project in the state*

Defended design engineer against claims brought by municipality in Southeast Alaska for claims relating to design and construction of a new wastewater treatment facility.*

Defended municipality in Alaska against multi-million dollar claims arising out of first ever design and construction of sewer collection system and lift stations for the community.*

Litigation and Claims

Defended design engineers against claim brought by large mine owner arising out of construction of a critical new facility to house process equipment.*

Successfully defended subsidiary of nation-wide engineering firm at trial over claims arising out of subcontractor's termination in connection with construction and implementation of complex missile-defense system in Alaska.*

Represented prime contractor from Pacific Northwest against claims asserted by subcontractor against prime and municipality owner arising out of new road construction in Southcentral Alaska.*

Defended native corporation subsidiary for breach of contract claims filed in California federal court arising out of joint venture agreement between client and national engineering firm.*

Defended Native corporation subsidiary from claims involving its surety arising out of a failed arbitration in San Francisco, California.*

Real Estate Disputes

Successfully defended large Native Corporation in arbitration arising out of alleged partnership dispute involving real estate and improvements worth several million dollars.*

Successfully pursued claims at trial on behalf of Native corporation subsidiary for self-dealing and corporate waste against former president and minority shareholder, which included an award of punitive damages.*

**Indicates a matter Mike worked on before joining Holland & Hart*

PUBLICATIONS

"No More Non-Competes," *The Alaska Contractor*, Spring 2023

"OSHA Citations: Can you rely on the employee misconduct defense?," *The Alaska Contractor*, Spring 2022

RECOGNITION

- *Chambers USA*, Construction, 2020-2026; Litigation: General Commercial, 2024-2026
- Alaska Business Legal Elite, Business Law, 2023-2024
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Lawyer of the Year, Litigation – Construction – Anchorage, 2025; Construction Law – Anchorage, 2026; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants – Anchorage, 2027
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation, 2008-2027; Construction Law, 2006-2024, 2026, 2027; Litigation - Construction, 2021-2027; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, 2011-2027
- Alaska Super Lawyers®, Construction Litigation, 2007-2010, 2018-2025
- *Alaska Business*, Legal Elite, 2024, 2025
- Alaska Bar Association, Board of Governors Professionalism Award Recipient, 2007
- National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, Uniform Law Commissioner, 2005-2012

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Society of Attorneys General Emeritus (SAGE), Member
- Special Olympics, Volunteer