



Dean C. Hirt

Associate

T: (303) 894-4461

dhirt@fwlaw.com

Dean is a trusted resource for clients navigating the complex intersection of water law and litigation. His focus in each representation is on providing creative solutions to his clients' issues. From helping to secure and protect water rights to representing clients before one of the state's water courts, his goal is to ensure that their case is seen from every angle.

In his litigation practice, Dean handles all aspects of a case from discovery and trial preparation to appeal. In addition to Dean's experience in the State's water courts, he also has experience in administrative water proceedings before the State Engineer, and in civil courts handling litigation related to real property disputes between ditch companies, private landowners, and real estate developers.

Dean has a depth of experience with various water law matters including surface and groundwater rights, absolute and conditional water rights, changes of water rights, exchanges, augmentation plans, findings of reasonable diligence and to make absolute, and correcting water rights decrees. Dean's transactional water law experience includes performing due diligence on water rights including title research, as well as drafting and negotiating water leases, water transfers, water carriage and storage agreements, and water deeds. Additionally, Dean has assisted clients with including their lands within the boundaries of water conservancy districts. Before joining private practice, he served as a law clerk for Chief Judge James Hartmann of the 19th Judicial District and the Division 1 Water Court.

In addition to his extensive water and litigation practice, Dean holds an advanced tax law degree from the New York University School of Law, and draws on that background to assist clients and colleagues.

Education

New York University School of Law, LL.M., Taxation, 2013

University of Wyoming College of Law, J.D., 2012

Fairfield and Woods, P.C.

fwlaw.com

- *Dean's List, 2010-2012*

University of Wyoming, M.A., Environment and Natural Resources, 2012
Colorado State University, B.A., 2007

Bar Admissions

Colorado

Practice Areas

Corporate
Natural Resources and Environmental Law
Litigation
Real Estate
Tax
Water Rights and Water Law
Water Rights Litigation

Sectors

Water

Professional Affiliations

- Colorado Bar Association
 - Water Law Section
 - Taxation Law Section
- Denver Bar Association
 - Young Lawyers Division

Recognition

- The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch
 - Natural Resources Law