



**PAUL M. BERNSTEIN**

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**STATEMENT OF PRACTICE:**

Paul Bernstein is Special Counsel at Higgins, Hopkins, McLain, & Roswell, LLC and represents corporate and individual clients in construction law and other civil litigation matters.

Mr. Bernstein received his undergraduate degree from Cornell University, and his law degree from the University of Colorado Law School. Mr. Bernstein served as a judicial law clerk for the Colorado District Court's 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District after graduation from law school. Prior to joining HHMR, Mr. Bernstein practiced at a local firm specializing in construction and general liability insurance defense. Since his admission as a Colorado attorney in 2011, in addition to serving as a judicial law clerk, Mr. Bernstein has represented developers, contractors, and subcontractors in all types of construction-related disputes. Mr. Bernstein also has significant experience in professional liability matters for architects and engineers.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**Higgins, Hopkins, McLain & Roswell, LLC** – Attorney July 2023 - Present  
Denver, Colorado

**SGR, LLC**, - Associate Attorney July 2014 – June 2023  
Denver, Colorado

- Litigation practice involving first and third-party insurance claims and construction defect defense.
- Directly involved in all aspects of litigation, including drafting pleadings, motions, written discovery, and memoranda of law, conducting depositions, participating in mediations, and attending court hearings and trials.

**Colorado District Court – 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District**, Centennial, CO June 2012 – June 2014  
**Judicial Law Clerk to Judge Gerald Rafferty and Judge F. Stephen Collins**

- Drafted court orders on dispositive motions, administrative appeals, and county appeals, screened and tickled all filings and researched issues across a wide variety of legal subjects while working on civil docket matters.
- Researched legal issues as they arose during motions hearings and at trial, screened and tickled all filings, drafted post-conviction and miscellaneous orders and bailiffed trials while working on criminal docket matters.

**Promontory Financial Group, Denver, CO**

**Contract Attorney**

March 2012 – June 2012

- Audited foreclosure and mortgage loan modification underwriting decisions for fourteen of the largest mortgage servicers in the U.S. to determine if borrowers suffered financial injury.

**Colorado District Court – 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District, Denver, CO**

**Judicial Fellow**

October 2011 – March 2012

**Summer Intern to Judge Sheila A. Rappaport**

June 2010 – August 2010

- Researched and analyzed legal issues raised in county court appeals, pre-trial motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, motions for default judgment and post-conviction motions for relief.
- Drafted court orders on topics including breach of fiduciary duty, the corporate veil, fraudulent concealment, breach of contract, breach of express warranty, quantum meruit and the Construction Defect Action Reform Act.

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS:**

Colorado, October 2011

#### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

- Member, Thompson G. Marsh American Inn of Court, Denver, CO, Oct. 2010 – Present

#### **EDUCATION:**

**University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, CO**

Juris Doctor, May 2011

**Cornell University, Ithaca, NY**

Bachelor of Science in Business Management and Marketing, May 2000