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#### Education

University of Colorado School of Law, J.D., 1979  
University of Colorado Law Review, Articles Editor  
Rothgerber Moot Court Competition, Finalist  
Selected to Law School's National Moot Court Team

Northwestern University, B.S., Biochemistry, 1975

#### Practice Areas

Commercial  
Franchise and Distribution  
Intellectual Property  
Personal Injury Defense  
Product Liability  
Professional Liability  
Toxic Torts

#### Industries

Accounting  
Construction & Engineering  
Energy  
Financial Services  
Industrial Equipment  
Information Technology  
Manufacturing  
Medical - Devices & Pharmaceuticals  
Oil & Gas  
Professional Services

Hugh Gottschalk has handled a myriad of cases in his 30-year litigation career, including contract disputes, franchise matters, environmental torts, professional liability, product liability, trade secrets, and patent, copyright, and trademark infringements. He employs his decades of litigation experience, accumulated knowledge, and educational background to effectively present complex and technical information at trial.

Hugh's experience in commercial litigation is particularly extensive. He has represented clients in numerous commercial disputes involving alleged breaches of contracts, fraud and misrepresentation, securities, franchise matters, and intellectual property infringements. Hugh has served as national or regional trial counsel to several large and well-known companies in industries as diverse as information technology, energy, manufacturing, and consumer and professional services.

*Chambers USA*, the international guide to America's leading business lawyers, describes Hugh as, "an excellent strategist and trial lawyer," and one of the top commercial litigation lawyers in Colorado. Hugh has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the business litigation category in another rankings guide, *Colorado Super Lawyers*, since its inception in 2006. Hugh has appeared multiple years in a row on Colorado Super Lawyers' list of the top 50 lawyers in the state. He is listed in *Chambers USA*, Best Lawyers, Legal 500 U.S., and is an elected fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

#### Cases

*Castle Rock v. Conoco*  
*Colorado Coffee Bean, LLC v. Peaberry Coffee, Inc.*, 2006 CV 4514 (Colo. Jan. 6, 2009)  
*CoPIRG v. Conoco*  
*Cornerstone v. BDO Seidman LLP*  
*Denver v. Conoco*  
*Denver v. Coors*  
*Diamond Shamrock v. Conoco*  
*Golan v. Ashcroft*  
*Laser Tech v. BDO Seidman LLP*  
*Rieder v. Hallmark*  
*Scott v. Conoco*  
*Sonoco Products Company v. Newark Paper Products*

*Stearns v. Jetway*  
*Union Pacific v. International Insurance*  
Chrysler Group LLC Franchise Arbitrations  
Injunction to Shut Down Ski Area for Trespassing Denied  
Jury Agrees That Distribution of Funds Did Not Violate LLC's Operating Agreement

**Clients**

BDO Seidman  
Chrysler Group - National Trial Counsel  
ConocoPhillips - Regional Trial Counsel  
Duke Energy  
FMC - Regional Trial Counsel  
Mercedes-Benz - National Trial Counsel

**Admitted to Practice**

Colorado  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit  
U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan  
U.S. Supreme Court

**Other Practice Experience**

Otten, Johnson, Robinson, Neff & Ragonetti, P.C.  
Holland & Hart LLP  
Town of Bow Mar  
City Attorney

**Teaching Positions**

National Institute for Trial Advocacy  
University of Colorado Trial Advocacy Program, 1985-1986

**Legal Memberships**

American College of Trial Lawyers  
Fellow  
American Board of Trial Advocates  
Member  
Law Week Colorado "People's Choice"  
Best Intellectual Property Lawyer, 2010  
Best Lawyers  
Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2008-2011  
Commercial Litigation, 2008-2011  
Product Liability Litigation, 2008-2011  
Chambers USA  
Commercial Litigation - Colorado, 2005-2010  
The Legal 500 United States  
Litigation: Product Liability and Mass Tort Defense, 2009-2010  
Colorado Super Lawyers  
Business Litigation, 2006-2010

Top 10, 2008  
Top 50, 2009  
Top 50, 2010  
International Who's Who of Product Liability Defense Lawyers, 2010  
Colorado Corporate Counsel Black Book  
Product Liability, 2007  
Best of the Bar, *Denver Business Journal*, 2005  
American Bar Association  
Litigation Section  
Colorado Bar Association  
Patent, Trademark, and Copyright Section  
Denver Bar Association  
National Institute for Trial Advocacy  
Faculty  
Product Liability Advisory Council  
Sustaining Member, 1988-1992  
Executive Committee, 1991-1992  
American Civil Liberties Union  
Board of Directors  
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**Industry Memberships, Activities, and Honors**

International Trademark Association

**Articles and Presentations**

Tips from the Bench, presented to Association of Corporate Counsel Colorado Chapter (Feb. 2008)

Automatic Disclosure in Discovery: The Rush to Reform, 27 Ga. L. Rev. 1 (1992)