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## EXPERTISE

Toxic Tort, Natural Resources and Environmental Litigation,  
General Commercial Litigation, and Appeals

## EDUCATION

Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 1997  
Cornell University, B.A., 1994

## ADMITTED IN

Colorado

Jon Rauchway is a partner in the Trial Department. He takes the following approach to assisting clients with business disputes:

I bring a pragmatic and unpretentious focus to litigation. I have served as lead counsel in cases where hundreds of millions of dollars are in dispute, but I recognize that the amount of money at stake does not necessarily correlate to the importance of a case to a particular client, and I give every case and every client the attention they deserve in an efficient and cost-effective manner. As a trial lawyer, my primary job is to win, plain and simple—and our track record of litigation success at DGS compares favorably with anyone in the business. However, in keeping with a national civil trial rate consistently below 3 percent, I also understand that our job extends beyond trying cases. Accordingly, I give equal attention to positioning cases for settlement, and to helping our clients make the best business decision.

Mr. Rauchway specializes in environmental and natural resources litigation. Examples include defending class-action and mass-joinder lawsuits alleging environmental contamination based on common-law theories, and representing plaintiffs and defendants in litigation involving CERCLA, RCRA, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and related state statutes. He also handles litigation involving nearly all aspects of the energy industry, including disputes over royalty payments, operating

agreements, ownership interests, and property transactions.

In addition to his work in the trial courts, Mr. Rauchway is an experienced appellate advocate, having argued appeals before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits, as well as state appellate courts in Colorado and elsewhere. For over a decade, he was a member of the Criminal Justice Act Panel for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, appearing regularly before the Court during that period.

Prior to joining DGS, Mr. Rauchway practiced at an international law firm in New York City and spent one year clerking for a U.S. District Judge in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Rauchway is a member of the board of trustees for the Legal Aid Foundation of Colorado and the board of directors for The Urban Farm. He was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America®. In 2018, Mr. Rauchway was named the Barrister's Choice "Best Environmental Attorney" by *Law Week Colorado*.