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Robert is a trusted business advisor to mining and energy companies, commercial lending and financial institutions, and privately-held businesses. He routinely acts as outside general counsel for his clients, providing objective, independent counsel and access to a full range of legal services to meet their needs.

Clients rely on Robert for corporate compliance, commercial transactions, capital raises, debt and equity financing, mergers and acquisitions, operational matters, and corporate governance legal needs.

For mining clients, Robert provides legal advice and counseling regarding all aspects of mining operations, from the startup stage to full operational activities, including transactional, regulatory and compliance matters. He has worked in the areas of coal, gold, copper and hydraulic fracturing sand mines located in Colorado, Texas, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada. He routinely advises clients in the areas of Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) compliance and works with various state environmental agencies.

Robert also provides representation to clients in the electric utilities sector, advising on a variety of transactional matters, including power purchase agreements, equipment purchases, distribution maintenance, transmission substation construction

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Mining
- Energy
- Transportation
- Banking & Financial Services
- Corporate Finance
- Cannabis Law & Services

ADMISSIONS

- Colorado
- Texas
- U.S. District Court District of Colorado
- U.S. Court of Appeals Tenth Circuit

EDUCATION

- Creighton University School of Law, J.D.
- Creighton University, B.S. and B.A.

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and territory acquisitions.

Robert has closed numerous buy/sell transactions for independent community banks and non-depository institutions. Robert assists boards of directors in evaluating mergers and acquisitions opportunities, capital raises, strategic planning and navigating current industry trends. He also advises clients regarding corporate governance, operational matters, regulatory compliance and application approvals.

As outside general counsel for several privately-held companies, including a national office product supply company, a petroleum fuel supplier and a hedge fund firm, Robert counsels boards of directors, senior management, entrepreneurs and their advisors on legal issues related to capital formation, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate governance for companies with all types of ownership structures and charters.

EXPERIENCE

Robert offers extensive experience drafting and negotiating contracts, including partnership agreements; joint venture agreements; limited liability company operating agreements; stock purchase agreements; real estate agreements; service agreements; license agreements; royalty agreements; surface use agreements; engineering, procurement and construction agreements; loan and security agreements and other domestic and international commercial contracts.

When disputes arise, Robert helps businesses resolve contractual, banking, financing, real estate, and environmental issues.

A former Colorado Department of Transportation Commissioner, Robert handled strategic planning and public outreach for a major Transportation Expansion Project (T-REX) that included widening the Southeast Corridor of I-25 and a new light rail transit system.

Robert is certified by the National Association of Development Companies to advise certified development companies regarding the Small Business Administration 504 loan program.

RECOGNITIONS

5280, Denver's Mile High Magazine, Denver's Top Lawyers list, 2022 – present

Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® list, 2023-2025

NEWS

Denver's Mile High Magazine Recognizes Bayles, Botts as Top Attorneys
01.04.2024

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175 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2024 *Best Lawyers in America* List
08.17.2023

Botts, Gilmer and Samale Discuss ESG for Mining Companies in Mining Media International Publication
06.16.2023

Bayles, Botts Recognized Among Denver's Top Attorneys in Banking
02.03.2023

Landmark Power Supply Partnership for CORE Electric Steered by Stinson Attorneys
01.30.2023

152 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2023 *Best Lawyers in America* List
08.18.2022

PUBLICATIONS

"The Mining Industry Should Not Ignore ESG," Engineering and Mining Journal, June 2023

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