



# DAVIS GRAHAM

## JOEL A. MAYO PARTNER

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### EXPERTISE

Real Estate, Real Estate Development, Real Estate Finance, Construction & Real Estate Litigation, Clean Energy & Sustainability, Open Space and Land Conservation Transactions

### EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., 1995  
Texas Tech University, B.B.A., 1988

### ADMITTED IN

Colorado and North Dakota

Joel Mayo's practice covers all areas of real estate transactions and "dirt law." For more than 25 years, he has provided practical, responsive counsel and representation to developers, public and private entities, and individuals through all stages of real estate acquisition, entitlement, land use, development, financing, divestment, and commercial leasing.

As a natural extension of his real estate experience, Joel also works with developers and real property owners with respect to the negotiation, preparation, and facilitation of development agreements, construction contracts, and architectural/professional agreements.

In addition, Joel has extensive experience in the purchase and sale of ranch land, drafting contracts and facilitating the purchase and sale of tens of thousands of acres of residential, recreational, and working ranches. In collaboration with other Davis Graham attorneys, his practice in this area includes evaluation and transfer of water and water rights, transfer of state and federal grazing

leases, purchase of ranch assets (including cattle), and consultation and assistance in the establishment and amendment of conservation easements.

Joel has been selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers* in the area of Real Estate since 2015. He is a member of the Colorado Bar Association and recently concluded a three-year term on the Real Estate Section Council. He was recognized as a "Leader in Their Field" in Real Estate in Colorado by *Chambers USA*. In 2026, he was named a Top Lawyer by *5280 Magazine*. In 2026, Joel was recognized in the Legal 500 US Elite Denver Guide for Real Estate. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Rocky Mountain Conservancy, a nonprofit corporation partnering with and supporting Rocky Mountain National Park through philanthropic and educational efforts aimed at advancing stewardship, preservation, and restoration of the Park and similar public lands.