

Pictured: (from left) Kimberley Tyson, Tom Wolf, Russell Kemp, K.C. Groves, Michael Miller and Laura Hazen.



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The “Smallest Big Firm in Town” Celebrates a Milestone

Denver-based law firm Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe, PC enters its 85th year in 2011 with a sense of pride for all its lawyers have accomplished, and excitement for what lies ahead. As one of Denver’s oldest law firms, Ireland Stapleton has long been known as the discreet, blue-chip firm that clients entrust with their most complex and crucial matters.

“For decades, our firm has been involved with legal matters that have defined this city,” says K.C. Groves the firm’s current managing director. “Through it all, our focus has always remained on three core values: defining our success through the results we achieve for clients, active community involvement, and mentoring the next generation of leading attorneys. These values have established a legacy that we are proud to be a part of and continue to uphold.”

Since opening its doors in 1926, Ireland Stapleton has been involved with a number of matters that have shaped the city of Denver and the state of Colorado. Most notably, the firm has handled five groundbreaking U.S. Supreme Court cases, and a summary reversal in a sixth case. These cases set precedence in the areas of food and drug law, anti-trust, securities regulation and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Other landmark matters handled by Ireland

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Stapleton include the purchase and sale of Denver’s Elitch Gardens; the original incorporation of King Soopers; the lease/sale of Winter Park on behalf of the City and County of Denver; the incorporation of the Denver Broncos; initial formation and representation of Aspen Highlands Skiing Corporation; and the development of the Cherry Creek Country Club.

Most importantly, for 85 years Ireland Stapleton has represented clients with an unsurpassed level of integrity, sophistication and insight.

“Our history of success is directly tied to an internal culture that focuses on the personal bonds our lawyers form with clients,” says Groves.

Today, a group of 30 innovative and energetic lawyers drive the direction of the firm. Those who have built their careers at the firm mentor the next generation of groundbreakers and precedent-setters. Having grown in size and added new capabilities over the years, today the firm represents clients in diverse practice areas including litigation, bankruptcy, business, employment, environmental and energy, estate planning, real estate and special districts law.

In addition to the many legal accomplishments the firm has achieved on behalf of its clients, Ireland Stapleton is also proud of its longstanding community stewardship. The firm has maintained strong partnerships with a number of local charities, including a decades-long relationship with the Denver Metropolitan YMCA, as well as longstanding support of Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver and Denver’s Road Home. These relationships are representative of the firm’s belief that as a responsible corporate citizen, it must actively contribute to the mission and leadership of organizations dedicated to serving those in need.

From the firm’s founders to its current leaders, Ireland Stapleton’s dedicated and passionate attorneys each have their own story to tell. And, as the firm continues to write its next chapter, those stories will no doubt help to shape the future of Denver and Colorado.