



## CODY M. BARELA

### PARTNER

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Cody Barela works closely with companies of all sizes at all stages of growth on a diverse set of technology-related transactions.

Cody helps clients in the technology, internet, telecommunications, manufacturing, professional services, consulting, aerospace and medical fields develop and implement commercial contracting strategies to optimize efficiencies and reduce their legal costs.

Cody's experience includes advising on software and hardware; on-premises, cloud and hosted solutions; SaaS, IaaS, PaaS and other software and services licensing models; and related software development, joint venture, reseller, distributor, procurement, consulting/development and outsourcing commercial contracts, as well as telecommunications-related colocation, dark fiber, IRUs and MDU contracts.

With a strong technology and engineering background, and experience working internally for companies, Cody is able to help clients develop successful contracting strategies to address data security risks related to proprietary information or personally identifiable information, particularly in cloud-based models. Cody also advises clients on mergers and acquisitions, corporate operations and general business matters including entity formation, structure and governance. He also provides guidance on intellectual property matters, including copyright, trademark and infringement issues.

### BACKGROUND

Prior to joining Armstrong Teasdale, Cody was a member in the Denver office of a national law firm.

Before attending law school, Cody was a mechanical design engineer at Lockheed Martin, where he designed mechanical systems and prepared government contracts.

### EDUCATION

- University of Denver (J.D., 2010)
- Boston University (B.S., 2005)
  - Manufacturing Engineering

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Hispanic National Bar Association, Region XIII President (Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, and Wyoming)

### SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Corporate

Emerging Companies

Governance and Compliance

Intellectual Property

Mergers and Acquisitions

Outside Corporate Counsel

Technology Transactions

Trademark

Consumer Products and Services

Manufacturing and Innovation

Technology

Artificial Intelligence

### ADMISSIONS

Colorado

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

- Colorado Hispanic Bar Association (Former Board Member)
- Denver Urban Debate League (Board Member)
- Law School Si Se Puede (Mentor)

#### **CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

- Leadership Denver (2023)
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Adams and Broomfield Counties (Board Member)

#### **ACCOLADES**

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Ones to Watch, Communications Law (2021-present), Technology Law (2022-present), Corporate Law (2024-present)
- *Colorado Super Lawyers*®, Rising Star (2019-2020)

## **EXPERIENCE**

#### **\$110 Million Acquisition for Telecom Company**

Represented a large telecommunications company in the acquisition of a network design and engineering business for \$110 million.

#### **\$63 Million Asset Purchase of Golf Company**

Represented the buyer in the acquisition of assets of a manufacturer of golf improvement technology.

## **THOUGHT LEADERSHIP**

June 6, 2024

**Colorado Passes Legislation to Regulate Use of AI in Consequential Decision Making**

March 18, 2024

**The EU Artificial Intelligence Act: What Businesses Need to Know**

December 29, 2023

**The New York Times Sues for Copyright Infringement over ChatGPT**