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**MIKE WESTOVER NAMED Best Lawyers®  
DENVER REAL ESTATE “LAWYER OF THE YEAR”  
AND EIGHT OTTEN JOHNSON ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED FOR 2018**

Denver, Colorado – Attorneys with Otten Johnson Robinson Neff + Ragonetti PC (Otten Johnson) have once again been recognized by Best Lawyers®, for 2018. Of special note, Otten Johnson attorney [Mike Westover](#) has been named the 2018 Real Estate “Lawyer of the Year,” in Denver. Only a single lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area is honored as the “Lawyer of the Year,” making this accolade particularly significant. These lawyers are selected based on exceptional recognition received during the peer-review assessments. Receiving this designation reflects the high level of respect a lawyer has earned among other leading lawyers in the same communities and the same practice areas for their abilities, their professionalism, and their integrity.

Individual recognition was bestowed upon the following attorneys:

- Munsey Ayers - Land Use and Zoning Law; Litigation - Land Use and Zoning
- Steven M. Cohen - Real Estate Law; Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Victoria L. Hellmer - Real Estate Law
- James T. Johnson - Land Use and Zoning Law
- J. Thomas Macdonald - Litigation - Land Use and Zoning
- William R. Neff - Corporate Law
- Thomas J. Ragonetti - Real Estate Law; Land Use and Zoning Law
- Michael Westover - Real Estate Law

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**ABOUT OTTEN JOHNSON:**

Otten Johnson is a leading commercial law firm in Colorado, highly regarded for its real estate and land use practices. Our attorneys work with clients in a wide array of industries, with a particular emphasis on finding real world, business-minded solutions. In the real estate industry, Otten Johnson's clients include owners, developers, builders, investors, banks and financial institutions, commercial tenants, managers and brokers, whether in the multi-family, residential subdivision, office, retail, hotel and resort, mixed-use, or industrial sectors. The firm provides legal services related to real estate and business transactions, financing, land use and entitlement matters, urban renewal and other public/private partnerships, mergers and acquisitions, tax, eminent domain, regulatory compliance, workouts, restructuring, bankruptcy, and commercial litigation. For more information about Otten Johnson Robinson Neff + Ragonetti PC, please contact Heather Baker at [hbaker@ottenjohnson.com](mailto:hbaker@ottenjohnson.com) or visit our website: [www.ottenjohnson.com](http://www.ottenjohnson.com).

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