

# LAW WEEK

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**Stephanie O'Malley (pictured)**

**Michael Burg**

**Terrance Carroll**

**Steve Farber**

**Ken Fellman**

**John Fitzpatrick**

**Maria Liu**

**Steven Kaufmann**

**Jim Mulligan**

**Michael Plachy**

**Tim Rastello**

**Frank Robinson**

**Willie Shepherd**

**Ted White**

**David Wymore**

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### Jim Mulligan Fairfield and Woods

Alternative energy is a common topic these days because our economy and environment undeniably will depend on fresh energy sources.

Jim Mulligan, of Fairfield and Woods, represented ConocoPhillips in the acquisition of the large 432-acre former StorageTek site in Louisville. Gov. Bill Ritter announced the purchase in February 2008, tabbing it as one of the most significant transactions in Colorado's new energy economy. Currently, the site is being deconstructed, which means all the materials are not simply dismissed to a dump. They are recycled in some form or fashion.

ConocoPhillips has expressed the desire

to develop global training and technology centers on the Louisville campus, signifying Colorado's emerging leadership in the new marketplace. Mulligan said ConocoPhillips is aligned with the concept of a new energy economy, and he "can't imagine it's anything but positive for the state."

Mulligan's skillful representation eased the process, and resulted in a timely deal. He handled the complex transaction and the selection and management of a due diligence team. Mulligan structured the purchase with the seller and its team.

In 2008, Mulligan's continued to show support of Denver metro businesses. He served on the board and as immediate past chairman of the Aurora Economic Development Council. He also served on the board, executive committee and as immediate past president of the

Colorado chapter of the National Association of Industrial & Office Properties.

Despite Mulligan's demanding schedule, he finds time to mentor young associates and junior level directors at his firm. He has also developed a mentoring program at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law for law students to pair with an experienced lawyer. Mulligan encourages young attorneys to follow their passion and assures them that success will follow. He tempers that by telling them how hard they will have to work to achieve their goals.

When Mulligan is not closing major deals or serving the community, you can find him spending time with his wife, Joan Bursleson, and his 28-year-old daughter, Megan. He loves to travel and escape to his Breckenridge cabin to hike or snowshoe.

**Fairfield and Woods' Jim Mulligan skillfully managed ConocoPhillips' purchase in 2008 of StorageTek's former Louisville campus.**