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Matthew is a savvy litigator who resolves complex disputes ranging from construction and real estate matters to bankruptcy and commercial litigation. An experienced trial attorney, he handles matters across a range of industries for both small and large companies. He also serves on the firm's Executive Committee.

For most of his career, Matt has concentrated his litigation practice in the areas of construction and real estate law throughout the Rocky Mountain region. In that role, he represents home builders, general contractors, engineers, developers, and landowners in contract disputes, mechanic's lien issues, and construction defect litigation. His experience includes counseling large multinational construction companies in public works and private disputes including issues with subway tunneling construction, hotel and office complex construction, marina anchorage construction, and residential construction. He also handles matters related to mixed-use development, power plants, waste-water management facilities, micro-tunneling, pipeline construction, and residential developments. Matt also maintains a significant real estate transactional practice focusing on real estate development contracts, purchase and sale agreements, and construction contracts.

In addition to his construction and real estate work, Matt represents clients in bankruptcy proceedings and other business-related disputes. He regularly works with creditors, landlords, and business debtors, in business reorganization and liquidation matters before the bankruptcy court. He also represents receivers in state court receivership proceedings. He takes a pragmatic approach to commercial disputes, and regularly counsels clients on constructive ways to avoid escalating a matter.

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, LL.M., International and Comparative Law, *with honors*, 1998

Willamette University College of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1997

Pepperdine University, B.S., Business Administration, 1993

Bar Admissions

Colorado
California
U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

Practice Areas

Bankruptcy, Reorganizations, and Workouts
Bankruptcy Litigation
Business and Commercial Litigation
Construction Litigation
Corporate
Intellectual Property Litigation
Litigation
Real Estate
Real Estate Litigation
Securities Litigation, Arbitration, and Regulatory Defense

Sectors

Banking and Finance
Insurance

Representative Experience

- Litigation experience in construction contract disputes, differing site condition claims, delay and impact claims, insurance coverage and false claims actions
- Litigation experience representing large multinational construction companies in a variety of public works and private disputes. Representative clients included Kiewit Pacific Company, among others
- Lead associate representing large international construction firm in complex dispute concerning the construction of the Los Angeles subway system, including development and management of large in-house document database and storage retrieval system, prosecution of extensive delay and differing site conditions claims, and defense of false claims allegations
- Mediation and arbitration of numerous construction related lawsuits

Professional Affiliations

- Association of General Contractors - Colorado (AGC)
 - Legislative Affairs Committee
- California State Bar Association
- Colorado Bar Association
- NAIOP (Commercial Real Estate Development Association)

Recognitions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2025-2026
Fairfield and Woods, P.C.

- Litigation - Construction
- *Colorado Super Lawyers*
 - Business Litigation, 2025-2026
- *Law Week Colorado*
 - People's Choice Best Construction Defects Lawyer for Defendants, 2022

