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Bill is a trial lawyer who focuses his practice on real estate, construction, and business disputes. Although he has significant trial experience, Bill understands the value of negotiating a settlement and evaluates all options to attain his client's goals. Having seen first-hand how projects and agreements can fall apart or be saved, he is well positioned to provide counseling and advice from contract negotiation, to implementation, to negotiated settlements, and through trial if needed.

The complimentary nature of construction and real estate are well suited to Bill's practice and have allowed him to work with developers, general contractors, subcontractors, design professionals, property owners, REITS, financial institutions, and energy companies, of all sizes and in all phases of a project. Bill can help obtain entitlements, zoning appeals, and challenge governmental decisions. He regularly handles easement, ownership, and landlord-tenant disputes as well. And his construction practice focuses primarily on payment, delay, and defect claims. He prosecutes and defends mechanic's lien and schedule disputes, and often helps clients navigate complicated change order and pay application disputes during a project. Throughout all of this, Bill always works closely with his clients to understand their financial, business, and litigation goals and then develops a strategy to obtain those goals as efficiently and effectively as possible. This makes him a strong counselor and advocate when representing a client who is putting a deal together, negotiating a settlement, or when going to court.

Bill spends most of his time handling:

- Construction defect, delay, and payment claims
- Landlord-tenant disputes including covenant enforcement, eviction proceedings, and exclusivity rights
- Loan and security agreement disputes
- Real estate litigation including disputes arising out of title, boundary, access and easement rights
- Business disputes involving business break-ups, contract, fiduciary and fraud claims

Education

- University of Denver (J.D., 2002)

Capabilities

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation

- University of Denver Law Review, General Editor; Order of St. Ives; Student Bar Association, Senator and Vice President
- University of Colorado (B.A., 1995)
 - History

Bar Admissions

- Colorado, 2002
- Wyoming, 2022

Memberships

- Colorado Bar Association
 - Construction Section, Executive Council Member
- Denver Bar Association
- Downtown Denver Partnership, 2013
 - Leadership Program
- Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce
 - 2009 Impact Denver, Leadership Program
- Foothills Park and Recreation District, 2016-2023
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Chair

Recognition

- Selected for Inclusion in *ColoradoBiz's* Colorado 500 List, 2026
- Selected for inclusion in *Colorado Super Lawyers*, 2023-2025
- Named to *5280 Magazine's* "Denver's Top Lawyers" list for Construction Law, 2023-2026
- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*® for:
 - Commercial Litigation, 2024-2026
 - Litigation - Construction, 2024-2026
 - Litigation - Real Estate, 2024-2026
 - Construction Law, 2021-2026
- Ranked in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Construction, Colorado, 2021-2025
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Rating
- Selected for inclusion in *Colorado Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, Business Litigation, 2010-2013

Matters

- Four-week 2024 federal jury trial for an international highway engineering client in the United States District Court for District of Colorado against a design-build contractor on a dispute relating to a \$500 million, 13-mile highway expansion project. Jury verdict awarded client \$5.25 million in damages and rejected the entirety of the defendant's \$260 million in counterclaims; Court awarded client \$14.2 million in attorneys and expert witness fees and costs.
- First chaired eight-day 2021 arbitration representing an owner of an in-patient care

facility against the general contractor and subcontractor for construction defect claims relating to defective welding. Recovered approximately \$1 million, which included an award of attorney's fees and costs, and successfully defended \$500,000 counterclaim.

- First chaired three-day 2018 arbitration representing a physician defending approximately \$2.5 million claim for improper billing brought by insurance company. The insurance company recovered nothing.
- First chaired three-day 2013 federal jury trial. Represented, pro bono, a state inmate asserting claims for violation of his Eighth Amendment right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment.
- First-chaired three-day 2012 federal jury trial. Represented, pro bono, a state inmate asserting claims for violation of his Eighth Amendment right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment.
- First-chaired a five-day jury trial representing a plaintiff asserting claims of fraud, misrepresentation, breach of fiduciary duty, and breach of contract related to a complex real estate transaction. Obtained a judgment in excess of \$2 million.
- First-chaired a four-day jury trial representing a defendant in a mechanic's lien trust fund action. Obtained a defense verdict.
- First-chaired five-day jury trial representing a defendant in an admitted liability personal injury matter. Obtained a favorable verdict when a plaintiff was awarded a judgment of approximately one-fourth her pretrial demand.
- Favorably settled dispute with general contractor on the incomplete remodel of a student housing project that was several months behind schedule. Resolved mechanic's lien claim and preserved sufficient funds in the contract so the client could complete the general contractor's scope of work.
- Handled a range of landlord-tenant disputes, including negotiations and eviction actions against local and national tenants, on behalf of a variety of local and national clients in the retail and food and beverage sectors.
- Reached favorable settlements on behalf of construction clients in disputes ranging from contract violations, mechanic's lien claims, construction delays and defects or damages.
- Recovered a parking lot for a hotel through a quiet title action after the parking lot was lost in a tax sale.
- Negotiated extremely favorable resolution of a guarantor's liability for numerous lease defaults. The guarantor faced over \$10 million in exposure but we resolved all claims for a small fraction of that amount.
- Defended nationally distributed microbrewery in lease dispute that risked eviction and significant loss of operations. Negotiated favorable resolution that permitted our client to remain in the premises.
- Represented large general contractor in a dispute involving the construction of a data center. Successfully resolved claimed from the owner while prosecuting claims against various subcontractors.
- Favorably settled claims against a large general contractor in dispute involving the construction of a commercial parking structure utilizing robotic parking technology.
- Successfully prosecuted claims by national retail bakery restaurant against its landlord for breach of an exclusivity covenant in its lease.
- Successfully represented mountain resort owner in claim against architect and engineer of parking garage that had collapsed during construction. Recovered all claimed damages through settlement.
- Defended national retail clothing store in claim brought by its former landlord for breach of the lease. Settled at a fraction of the landlord's initial demand.
- Defended national transportation management company in claim brought by former executive for claimed breach of a bonus agreement.