



## Brian Molzahn

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As a member of the firm's Construction & Design Practice Group and as chair of the firm's Professional Liability Practice Group, Brian has over 20 years of experience representing business owners, public entities, developers, architects, engineers, construction managers, general contractors, surveyors, subcontractors, suppliers, insurers, insurance agents/brokers/adjusters, real estate agents/brokers, community association and property managers, allied healthcare providers, financial planners, mortgage lenders/mortgage loan originators and other various professionals.

Brian is also the chair of the firm's Appellate Practice Group and, with over six years of broad and varied experience as a research staff attorney, liaison and senior law clerk for two chief justices in one of the busiest state appellate courts in the nation, Brian has delivered numerous appellate victories for his clients, many of which have translated into favorable law for design, construction and other professionals.

Brian is often asked to share his knowledge and insights by way of larger seminar and conference presentations as well as smaller talks and roundtables. In that same vein, Brian has co-authored a chapter in the *Colorado Appellate Handbook* and has rewritten the subject of design professional liability within *The Practitioner's Guide to Colorado Construction Law*, the state's preeminent construction law treatise.

### **Career Distinctions & Honors**

Martindale-Hubbell® AV-Preeminent Peer Review Rated

American Jurisprudence Award Recipient (multiple)

Senior Law Clerk to the Honorable John N. Hourihane and Mary Jane Theis, Chief Justices, Illinois Appellate Court, First Judicial District

### **Selected Decisions**

*Layton Construction Co., Inc. v. Shaw Contract Flooring Services, Inc.*, 2016 COA 155

*Stan Clauson Associates, Inc. v. Coleman Brothers Construction, LLC*, 2013 COA 7

*Martin v. Essrig*, 277 P. 3d 857 (Colo. App. 2012)

*Hamon Contractors, Inc. v. Carter & Burgess, Inc.*, 229 P. 3d 282 (Colo. App. 2009)

### **Professional Associations**

Colorado Defense Lawyers Association

Professional Liability Defense Federation (inaugural member)

ALFA International – Professional Liability and Construction Law Practice Groups

### **Selected Publications & Seminars**

Speaker, "Appellate Practice Update 2016," Colorado Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Seminar

Author/Editor, "Colorado Construction Defect Litigation and Coverage," 2010

Speaker, "Rebuilding America: Constructing the Road to Recovery," ALFA International Construction Law Practice Group Seminar, 2012

### **Education**

JD: DePaul University  
College of Law, 1994

BA: Wheaton  
College, 1990  
Political Science and  
Economics

### **Bar Admissions**

Colorado, 2002

Illinois, 1994  
*inactive*

U.S. District Court for  
the Districts of  
Colorado and  
Northern Illinois

U.S. Court of  
Appeals, Tenth  
Circuit