



## J. Kevin Bridston

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**Kevin Bridston works closely with clients throughout the United States to achieve optimal outcomes in complicated construction and real estate litigation matters.**

### PRACTICES

Construction  
 Real Estate Development and Finance  
 Commercial Litigation  
 Financial Institutions Litigation  
 Eminent Domain  
 Linear Infrastructure  
 Project Development and Finance

### EDUCATION

University of Colorado, J.D., 1988  
 Order of the Coif  
*University of Colorado Law Review*,  
 Member

University of Colorado, B.A., 1985  
 Phi Beta Kappa

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado

### COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal  
 Circuit  
 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth  
 Circuit

**30 Years As a Trial Lawyer:** For almost 30 years, Kevin has skillfully represented both plaintiffs and defendants in trials and appeals in a wide range of state and federal courts, as well as arbitration and mediation. When his clients' reputations are on the line, he provides sound counsel. He has taken more than 40 cases to final hearing, judgment/verdict, including more than 25 civil court trials. Kevin also won the second largest jury verdict in Colorado in 2016.

**Recognized for Knowledge and Experience:** Since 2011, Kevin has been an adjunct professor of Construction Law at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. He is also co-managing editor of and a contributing author to *The Practitioner's Guide to Colorado Construction Law*.

### EXPERIENCE

#### Construction Litigation

Kevin's experience includes basic and complex construction disputes, involving:

- Back-charges
- Bidding and contract award issues
- Termination
- Change orders
- Delay claims
- Defective plans and specifications
- Defective design
- Differing site conditions
- Superior knowledge
- Impact Claims
- Mechanics liens
- Protests
- Payment issues

#### Real Estate Litigation

Kevin's experience includes basic and complex real estate disputes,

including:

- Quiet title actions, including access, adverse possession, boundary disputes, and easements
- Private condemnations and rights-of-way
- Trespass/nuisance claims
- Specific performance
- Escrow/earnest money disputes

## CLIENT RESULTS

### Construction Litigation

Representing client in a \$23 million impact claim related to a West Virginia gas pipeline project.

Represented steel fabricator and erector in a three-week arbitration related to a delay and impact claim for a viaduct project in Seattle, WA.

Represented a general contractor in a six-day arbitration defending subcontractor change order claims related to a Maryland national historical site.

Represented a dredging contractor in a four-week hearing related to a \$17 million differing site condition claim in Colorado.

Represented a state highway department defending a \$20 million claim related to alleged changes in delays on an Idaho interstate interchange project.

### Real Estate Litigation

Defend uphill property owner against a \$2 million claim by downhill property owner impacted by a mudslide.

## PUBLICATIONS

"Project Documentation Can Make or Break Your Claim," *Construction Law Blog*, Co-Author, Winter/Spring 2018

"Contractors: Project Documentation Can Make or Break Your Claim," *Institute of Construction Claims Practitioners*, March 18, 2017

"The Practitioner's Guide to Colorado Construction Law; Subcontractors and Materialmen, Contract Clauses Managing, Allocating, and Transferring Construction Project Risks," *Co-Managing Editor and Author of Chapter 11 and Chapter 26*, August 2012 and 2018 (supplement)

"Subcontractors and Materialmen and Contract Clauses Managing, Allocating, and Transferring Construction Project Risks," *The Practitioner's Guide to Colorado Construction Law, also Co-Managing Editor*, January 2012

"Cumulative Impact Claims: Hard to Describe; Even Harder to Prove,"

*Holland & Hart Update, March 2011*

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

"Construction Insurance: What You Think You Know," *ABA Section of Litigation - Construction Litigation and Commercial and Business Litigation Committees*, February 2019

"Project Documentation: What to Do and What Not to Do," September 14, 2017

"Proving and Defending Delay and Impact Claims Breakfast Briefing," *Holland & Hart Invited Group*, April 2011

## **RECOGNITION**

- Colorado Super Lawyers®, Construction Litigation, 2011-2018
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Lawyer of the Year, Litigation – Construction, 2022
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Lawyer of the Year, Construction Law, 2021
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Construction Law, Litigation – Construction, 2010-2022
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Real Estate: Construction, 2006-2019; Construction 2020-2021