



## Robert Benson

Senior Counsel

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**With more than four decades of experience, Robert's practice focuses on alternative dispute resolution, including arbitration, mediation, dispute resolution boards, and early neutral evaluation.**

### EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, LL.B., 1965  
Order of the Coif

University of Iowa, B.A., 1962  
Phi Beta Kappa

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado

Robert has served as an arbitrator in more than 65 cases, including chairing more than 15 arbitration panels. He has mediated more than 125 cases. Over the course of his career, he has represented clients in most areas of civil litigation and arbitration, including construction, tax, environmental, and major areas of business litigation, including actions for breach of contract and business torts.

He has been active in all phases of construction law, litigation, arbitration, and mediation, including negotiation and drafting of construction contracts, and major construction disputes involving wrongful termination, delay, interference and extended performance, changed conditions, extra work, change orders, defective construction, negligent supervision, and defective design.

Robert's tax practice has included cases involving federal income tax, property taxation, oil and gas severance taxes, captive insurance taxation, and related issues before the United States District Court, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, and the United States Tax Court.

### CLIENT RESULTS

#### Commercial Litigation

Mr. Benson has experience in all phases of commercial, construction, tax, antitrust, and patent litigation, having practiced with Holland & Hart since 1965. He has also handled commercial litigation in many other fields, including construction, tax, environmental, oil and gas, lender liability, business relations, and commercial lending. He represented clients regularly in arbitrations and mediations. His practice encompassed both state and federal trial and appellate courts.

#### Alternative Dispute Resolution

Mr. Benson now practices solely as an arbitrator and a mediator and is a frequent speaker at seminars on alternative dispute resolution. Mr. Benson has served as an arbitrator and mediator for the American Arbitration Association as well as in other proceedings, serves on the Rocky Mountain Regional Advisory Council of the American Arbitration Association, and is a member of the AAA Large Complex Case Panel of Arbitrators.

Mr. Benson's practice was before both state and federal trial and appellate

courts, as well as state and federal administrative agencies.

### **Construction Law**

Mr. Benson has been with Holland & Hart for over 40 years and was active in all phases of construction litigation and arbitration, including major construction disputes involving wrongful termination of contract; delay interference and extended performance; changed conditions; extra work; change order compensation; defective construction; negligent supervision; and defective design.

### **RECOGNITION**

- Colorado Super Lawyers®, Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2006-2023
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Construction Law; Litigation - Construction, 2010-2023
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Real Estate: Construction, Senior Statesmen, 2012-2018
- *The Legal 500*

### **PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS**

- Member of the American Arbitration Association panels of arbitration and mediation
- Founding Chair, Colorado Bar Association Construction Law Forum
- Member, Denver, Colorado, and American Bar Associations
- Member, Rocky Mountain Advisory Council of the American Arbitration Association
- Member, American Arbitration Association Panel of Arbitrators for Large Complex Cases and Panel of Mediators
- Member, College of Commercial Arbitrators