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Overview

Ed represents government entities and private property owners in all aspects of eminent domain and condemnation, from early project planning and determining the most cost-effective way to obtain properties and the required right-of-way for a project to final jury and commission trials for property valuation.

He also represents architects, engineers, contractors, developers, and public and private owners in all aspects of construction projects including initial contract drafting, claim negotiation, and final closeout. His work includes claim resolution through mediation, arbitration, and litigation.

Mr. Blieszner has prosecuted and defended claims for malpractice against design professionals and has represented numerous state and local governmental agencies in contract negotiations and claim resolution for public construction projects.

Experience & Results

- Retained by City of Colorado Springs to acquire right-of-way for Southern Delivery System, a 65-mile water line from Pueblo Reservoir to Colorado Springs, and other City projects.
- Assisted in acquisition of right-of-way for various FasTracks lines in the Denver Metropolitan Area as Counsel to Regional Transportation District.
- Appointed Assistant Attorney General to assist in right-of-way acquisition for T-Rex project which expanded I-25 and added an adjoining light rail corridor through the Denver Metropolitan area.
- Successfully defended design team of one of Colorado's largest hotels in action by construction manager for claimed design errors and omissions.
- Won motion to dismiss claims of negligence and construction defects concerning luxury residential property in federal court in Northern California. Additional details [here](#).

Reported Cases

- *City of Colorado Springs v. Anderson Mahon Enterprises, LLP*, 251 P.3d 536 (Colo. App. 2010)
- *City of Colorado Springs v. Anderson Mahon Enterprises, LLP*, __ P.3d __, 2010 WL 1238873 (April 1, 2010)
- *Argus Real Estate, Inc. v. E-470 Public Highway Authority*, 109 P.3d 604 (Colo. 2005)
- *Whalen v. Shepler*, 104 P.3d 243 (Colo. App. 2004)
- *Argus Real Estate, Inc. v. E-470 Public Highway Authority*, 97 P.3d 215 (Colo. App. 2003)
- *E-470 Public Highway Authority v. Argus Real Estate Partners, Inc.*, 70 P.3d 481 (Colo. App. 2002)
- *Ford v. Summertree Lane Ltd. Liability Co.*, 56 P.3d 1206 (Colo. App. 2002)
- *Financial Associates, Ltd. v. G. E. Johnson Construction Co.*, 723 P.2d 135 (Colo. 1986)
- *Financial Associates, Ltd. v. G. E. Johnson Construction Co.*, 694 P.2d 345 (Colo. App. 1984)
- *Intermountain Systems, Inc. v. Gore Valley/Big Horn Water Districts*, 654 P.2d 8723 (Colo. App. 1982)

Practice Areas

- Eminent Domain
- Construction
- Contracts and Litigation
- Complex Commercial Litigation
- Trial
- Appeals
- Oil & Gas Litigation
- Mediation & Arbitration
- Real Estate

Honors

- Listed as one of Denver's Top Lawyers compiled by *5280 Magazine* in the practice area of Transportation, 2017
- Named the *Best Lawyers*® 2013, 2015, & 2023 Litigation-Municipal "Lawyer of the Year" in Denver
- Selected for Inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the fields of Litigation-Construction 2012–2019, 2021–2024; Construction Law 2013-2019, 2021–2024; and Litigation-Municipal 2011–2018, 2021–2024

Insights

- Author, the [Local Government Contracting chapter of Colorado Construction Law](#) published by CLE in Colorado, Inc.
- Lectures frequently at continuing education seminars regarding mechanic's liens, construction contracting, and other related matters

Education

- J.D., University of Notre Dame, 1981
- B.Arch., University of Notre Dame, *cum laude*, 1978

Bar Admissions/Qualifications

- Colorado, 1981
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Professional & Community Involvement

- President, Design-Build Institute of America, Rocky Mountain Region, 2008–2010
- Designated Hearing Officer for the City and County of Denver Departments of Public Works and Aviation, adjudicated claims arising from Denver construction projects including the construction of Denver International Airport, 1995–1998