



## Benton J. Barton

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Benton Barton is a hardworking, versatile trial lawyer, mediator and arbitrator, retained to assist clients wherever and whenever needed. His thirty-year practice currently focuses on resolving disputes and accidents arising from troubled design, construction and environmental projects, and their use of new processes and products. He has taken to trial numerous high-exposure cases, and his appellate work has generated new and notable law.

### Education

JD: University of Texas School of Law, 1992

BA: Austin College, 1989

### Bar Admissions

Colorado, 1999

Texas, 1992

U.S. District Courts, Districts of Colorado, Nebraska, Montana and Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth and Tenth Circuits

U.S. Supreme Court

In addition to previous service in Firm management, Benton is contact partner for leading designers, general contractors, specialty subcontractors, product suppliers and carriers. His tenacity and attention to detail have been applied successfully in matters of the highest complexity throughout Colorado, and also in Arizona, Connecticut, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Wyoming. Parties also regularly hire Benton to arbitrate and mediate disputes through the *American Arbitration Association's* National Panel of Construction Arbitrators, where he has presided over eighty matters as a neutral.

### Career Distinctions & Honors

*The Best Lawyers in America*®, Construction Law; Arbitration; and Litigation – Construction

*Martindale-Hubbell*®, AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated

*Colorado Super Lawyers*®, Professional Liability Defense; Construction Law

*American Arbitration Association*, Construction Law Arbitrator

### Professional Associations

ALFA International: Construction Practice Group (Past Chair); Board of Directors (Past)

Colorado Bar Foundation, Fellow

### Notable Publications & Seminars

Author/Speaker, "Blurred Lines? How Product Failures Amplify Exposures Facing Designers, Contractors and Insurers," ALFA International, 2023

Speaker, "Sailing the High C's: Contracts, Communication, Coordination," Professional Underwriters Design Professional Seminar, 2023

Author/Speaker, "Get Smart! Smart Construction Concepts, Trends and Risks," ALFA International, 2022

Speaker, "CLAIM Is a Five-Letter Word: What Happens When It Happens to You?" Van Oppen & Co. 2 Risk Control Seminar, 2021

Program Chair, "Leaving It Better Than You Found It: How to Lead, Inspire and Improve in Business and Law," ALFA International, 2018

Speaker, "Public-Private Partnerships," Beazley Design Professionals, 2017

Author/Speaker, "Catastrophic Litigation: Lessons from Defending Headline Cases," ALFA International, 2015

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