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EXPERTISE

Real Estate, Real Estate
Development, Real Estate Finance,
Construction and Real Estate
Litigation

EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of
Law, J.D., 1993
University of Colorado, M.A., 1987
University of Colorado, B.A., 1984

ADMITTED IN

Colorado

Chris Kinsman focuses his practice on real estate development, construction, disposition, acquisition, affordable housing, and mortgage lending law. His practice encompasses all aspects of acquiring, financing, entitling, developing, leasing, selling, and operating residential, commercial, and mixed-use real estate projects in the Rocky Mountain region and nationally. He represents large national and regional, as well as local entrepreneurial, developers and builders and operators of mixed-use, office, retail, and multi-family projects.

Chris is recognized in the creative formation and strategic operation, lease-up and sell out of town home, multi-family, time-share and condominium, master planned and mixed-use communities on behalf of builders, developers, converters and governments. His experience is broad and deep in assisting developers in minimizing risks associated with the construction, sale and operation of owner association communities. He also has extensive experience in negotiating and drafting complex public and private construction, design and design-build contracts, as well as with commercial leasing transactions.

Chris is knowledgeable about all aspects of affordable housing and has advised Forest City Stapleton, Lowry Redevelopment Authority, Douglas County, Summit County, Broomfield, Denver, and many developers and nonprofits, including community land trusts, on formation, operation, and compliance issues in connection with affordable housing programs, including the use of complex land trusts, deed restrictions, covenants, and ground lease structures. He organizes these programs from beginning to end and can assist with compliance and drafting issues at any stage. Chris is familiar with the relevant local and federal law impacting affordable housing, including secondary lending market considerations.

Chris also represents mortgage companies, title companies, and related businesses in formation, regulatory, and transactional matters, with a particular focus on Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA) compliance matters.

Chris has authored numerous articles on common interest communities, mixed-use development, construction defects, timeshares

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and fractional interests, RESPA, employment law, affordable housing, arbitration and attorney fee matters, as well as articles of interest to the mortgage lending and real estate development industries. He received the Colorado Bar Association's award for "Article of the Year."

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Colorado Bar Association
- City Club of Denver
- Denver Bar Association
- Diversity Law Institute, Member
- Downtown Denver Partnership, Housing Council
- Home Builders Association of Metro Denver, Legislative Committee
- NAIOP (Commercial Real Estate Development Association)
- Real Estate Services Providers Council
- Trial Law Institute, Member
- University of Colorado Real Estate Council, Mentor Program
- Urban Land Institute

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- Fellow, Construction Lawyers Society of America
- *Chambers USA*, Real Estate
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Real Estate Law, Litigation – Construction
- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating™, Martindale-AVVO

- *Colorado Super Lawyer*, Real Estate
- Legal Aid Society of Denver, Volunteer
- Habitat for Humanity, Executive Committee Member, Board Member, Outside Counsel, Chair of Real Estate Committee, and Volunteer
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Organization, Volunteer
- "Top 10 Colorado Real Estate Lawyers Dominating the Industry in 2023," *Business Today*
- Legal 500 US Elite – Denver: Real Estate (2026)