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# MERC PITTINOS

Merc Pittinos exclusively focuses his practice on helping clients resolve real estate disputes and lawsuits. He represents clients throughout Colorado.

Merc works with developers, landowners, landlords, brokers, and homeowners. He has helped clients resolve disputes involving real estate transactions, leases, loans, easements, covenants, and boundaries. He has written and lectured about Colorado adverse possession and easement law and has helped educate Colorado commercial real estate brokers on how to avoid

lawsuits.

In his practice, Merc has represented landlords in lease disputes; developers in breach of

contract, construction, and foreclosure actions; property owners in title and boundary disputes; and oil and gas companies in title, lease, and joint operating agreement disputes.

Merc is a former member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment and Appeals for the City of Englewood. From 2022 – 2023, he was recognized by Best Lawyers in Real Estate, and from 2023 – 2025, he was recognized by Best Lawyers in Real Estate Litigation. In 2024 and 2025 he was recognized as a Colorado Super Lawyer in Real Estate, and in 2013 and

2014, he was selected as a Rising Star in Real Estate by Colorado Super Lawyers.

Prior to joining Fennemore, Merc was the Managing Partner of Moye White LLP, and he served on the Management Committee at Fennemore.

Merc has represented clients in jury trials, bench trials, and arbitration proceedings and has argued cases before the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Colorado Supreme Court, and the Colorado Court of Appeals.

# EDUCATION

J.D., University of Denver

Managing Editor, University of Denver Water Law Review B.A., Duke University

# AREAS OF PRACTICE

Business Litigation

Agribusiness

# ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

Author, “[Q&A: Why agricultural succession planning in Colorado is more important now than](https://www.bizjournals.com/denver/news/2025/03/01/agricultural-succession-planning-co-more-critical.html) [ever](https://www.bizjournals.com/denver/news/2025/03/01/agricultural-succession-planning-co-more-critical.html),” Denver Business Journal, March 1, 2025

Co-Author, “[Denver voters reject slaughterhouse and fur ban initiatives](https://www.fennemorelaw.com/denver-voters-reject-slaughterhouse-and-fur-ban-initiatives/),” Fennemore Blog, December 11, 2024

Presenter, “Timely Commercial Real Estate Issues Every Broker Should Know to Avoid Litigation, Lurking Legal Issues,” Denver Metro Commercial Association of Realtors, December 3, 2024

Co-Author, “[Economic Realities if Colorado Amendment 309 is Adopted](https://www.fennemorelaw.com/economic-realitites-if-colorado-amendment-309-is-adopted/),” Fennemore Blog, November 1, 2024

Presenter, “Risk Management – Brokers Behaving Badly: Risky, Silly and Annoying Things REALTORS do in Real Estate Transaction,” Colorado Association of Realtors Leadership Symposium, October 15, 2024

Presenter, “Industry Update: Buyer and Seller Disputes,” Heritage Title Company Webinar, April 4, 2024

Interview, “After 47 Years, Denver’s Moye White to Wind Down After Most Lawyers Join Fennemore Craig,” The American Lawyer, April 1, 2024

Interview, “Participants Discuss Remote Work Policies, Paperless Offices, Decreased Staff Utilization, AI Uncertainty,” Law Week Colorado, December 18, 2023

Presenter, “Timely Commercial Real Estate Issues Every Broker Should Know to Avoid Litigation, Lurking Legal Issues,” Denver Metro Commercial Association of Realtors, December 5, 2023

Interview, “How I Made Managing Partner,” Law.com, November 22, 2023

Interview, “Moye White law firm makes ‘unconventional’ move to Denver’s River North neighborhood,” Denver Business Journal, October 17, 2023

Interview, “As Big Law Plunders Talent, Midsize Firms Embrace “Lifestyle” Firm Status,” Law.com, September 27, 2023

Interview, “Moye White Names New Managing Partner, Other Leaders,” Law360 Pulse, July 10, 2023

Presenter, “Industry Update: When Buyers and Sellers Sue Each Other,” Heritage Title Company Webinar, April 5, 2023

Presenter, “Timely Commercial Real Estate Issues Every Broker Should Know to Avoid Litigation, Lurking Legal Issues,” Denver Metro Commercial Association of Realtors, December 6, 2022

Author, “Avoiding Real Estate Litigation: Follow these suggestions,” Colorado Real Estate Journal, November 2, 2022

Presenter, “Timely Commercial Real Estate Issues Every Broker Should Know to Avoid Litigation, Lurking Legal Issues,” Denver Metro Commercial Association of Realtors, December 12, 2021

Presenter, “Industry Update: When Buyers and Sellers Sue Each Other,” Heritage Title Company Webinar, September 2, 2021

Author, “How Pandemic-Related Executive Orders Impact Real Estate,” Colorado Real Estate Journal, June 2, 2021

Interview, “Commercial Evictions in Boston: A Roadmap for the Future,” Dwight Knell & Pete Stein, April 6, 2021

Presenter, “Timely Commercial Real Estate Issues Every Broker Should Know to Avoid Litigation, Lurking Legal Issues,” Denver Metro Commercial Association of Realtors, December 10, 2020

Interview, “As Denver storefronts go dark, experts expect more vacancies, better deals ahead,” Denver Post, November 8, 2020

Panelist, “A Legal Perspective on the Real Estate Industry: A Conversation on the Impacts of COVID-19,” Moye White Online Event, June 17, 2020

Interview, “Landlord sues Red Robin over unpaid HQ rent,” Business Den, May 14, 2020

Co-Author, “Working with troubled tenants in the time of COVID-19,” Colorado Real Estate Journal, April 13, 2020

Presenter, “Timely Commercial Real Estate Issues Every Broker Should Know to Avoid Litigation, Lurking Legal Issues,” Denver Metro Commercial Association of Realtors, December 12, 2019

Interview, “Gravel pit could be unexpected neighbor to new Longmont subdivision,” Fox 31 News, August 14, 2019

Presenter, “Understanding Adverse Possession, Land Laws for Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors,” Half Moon Education Seminar, May 17, 2019

Interview, “Buyer beware: Oil and gas rigs may be closer than you think,” Denver Business Journal, September 15, 2017

Presenter, “Defining Adverse Possession and Trespass, Boundaries and Easements,” Half Moon Education Seminar, January 13, 2017

Presenter, “Defining Adverse Possession and Trespass, Determining Land Ownership and Access Rights,” Half Moon Education Seminar, November 17, 2015

Presenter, “Procuring Cause,” Colorado Association of Realtors Webcast, January 21, 2015 Panelist, Colorado Association of Realtors, Legal Panel, 2016 Convention, Sept. 22, 2016

Panelist, Colorado Association of Realtors, Legal Panel, 2014 Convention, October 21, 2014

Author, “Is Adverse Possession in Colorado Real Estate Dead?,” Colorado Real Estate Journal, February 5, 2014, at 19

Presenter, “Quiet Title Actions: The Basics Plus Selected Advanced Topics,” February 9, 2011 Author, “Adverse Possession after House Bill 1148, 37 Law. 73,” November 2008

Presenter, “Quiet Title Actions: The Basics Plus Selected Advanced Topics,” August 20, 2008

Authored chapter on adverse possession in Geoffrey P. Anderson, “Colorado Quiet Title Actions”

Author, “Gordon L. Allott, Sr., 36 Law. 29,” July 2007

# AWARDS AND HONORS

[Best Lawyers®: Real Estate Law, 2022 – 2025; Litigation – Real Estate, 2023 – 2025](https://www.bestlawyers.com/lawyers/merc-pittinos/329374) [Colorado Super Lawyers®: Real Estate, 2024-2025](https://profiles.superlawyers.com/colorado/denver/lawyer/david-m-pittinos/86e63e0d-80a1-4219-8373-95f339d915ca.html)

[Colorado Super Lawyers®, Rising Star: Real Estate, 2013 – 2014](https://profiles.superlawyers.com/colorado/denver/lawyer/david-m-pittinos/86e63e0d-80a1-4219-8373-95f339d915ca.html)

# PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Colorado Bar Association

# ADMISSIONS

Colorado

Colorado Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

U.S. District Court – District of Colorado