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Travis Riley is a construction attorney and trial lawyer in Fennemore's Construction practice group, representing contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, owners, and developers in complex construction and commercial disputes. He advises clients across the state and in Texas on legal challenges that arise at every phase of a construction project — from contract drafting and negotiation to litigation in state and federal courts.

Travis handles a broad range of construction law matters, including mechanic's liens, construction defect claims, breach of contract disputes, payment and delay claims, public works and government contract issues, business torts, partnership disputes, contractor terminations, and design and change order conflicts. He represents clients in mediation, arbitration, and trial, and has secured favorable outcomes before judges, juries, and arbitrators in Colorado and Texas. His experience in high-stakes construction litigation positions him as a trusted advocate for companies operating in the commercial construction industry.

In addition to his litigation practice, Travis serves as outside counsel to construction businesses, drafting and negotiating construction contracts that protect client interests and reduce risk. He regularly works with industry-standard agreements and custom contracts, helping clients proactively address scope, payment terms, scheduling, indemnity, and dispute resolution provisions. His integrated approach to construction contract law and dispute resolution allows him to deliver practical, business-focused guidance tailored to the needs of general contractors, trade contractors, and project stakeholders.

Travis is a Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America, a national invitation-only organization recognizing leading construction attorneys. He also serves as attorney's council for the American Subcontractors Association of Colorado and is an instructor at the Construction Mastery Institute, where he educates construction professionals on legal risk management and best practices in the industry.

EDUCATION

- J.D., St. Mary's University School of Law
- B.S., Texas Tech University, *with distinction*

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Construction Law
- Business Litigation

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch: Commercial Litigation, 2021-2024
- National Trial Lawyers, Top 40 Under 40
- Top Attorney, San Antonio Magazine
- "San Antonio's Best Lawyers" for Business Litigation, S.A. Scene

ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Co-Author, "Colorado Supreme Court Clarifies Public Works Claims—Legislature Reinforces the Result," Fennemore Blog, April 10, 2026
- Presenter, "Contract Clauses to Combat Tarriff Risks," American Subcontractors Association of Colorado Contractor Breakfast Interchange, 2025
- Instructor, "Lien Proof Your Jobsite," Construction Mastery Institute Best Practice Session, 2025
- Presenter, "Social Media Discovery and Admissibility," 32nd Annual Texas Bar CLE Advanced Evidence and Discovery Course, 2019
- Co-host, "Construction Contract Clauses: What the CPA Needs to Understand," Construction Industry CPAs/Consultants Association (CICPAC), 2018
- Co-Author, Groundwater Laws and Regulations: A Preliminary Survey of Thirteen U.S. States, Texas A&M University School of Law Program in Natural Resources Systems, 2017

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Fellow, Construction Lawyers Society of America
- Attorney's Council, American Subcontractors Association of Colorado
- Instructor, Construction Mastery Institute
- American Bar Association, Forum on Construction Law
- Colorado Bar Association, Construction Law Section
- State Bar of Texas, Construction Law Section

ADMISSIONS

- Colorado
- Texas