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Ben Larson is a trial and appellate attorney at Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe. He represents business owners, individuals, and local governments in complex commercial and regulatory matters. Ben is known for his ability to untangle multifaceted disputes involving antitrust, business dissolution, breach of contract, construction and product defects, employment law, oil and gas, intellectual property, professional liability, and securities claims.

Ben also has significant experience in election law. He has represented multiple political campaigns, advising on ballot initiatives and compliance issues. As part of this work, Ben regularly litigates matters before the Colorado Supreme Court and has secured favorable rulings on constitutional issues of first impression.

In addition to his litigation practice, Ben advises business clients on corporate and regulatory matters, including business formation and governance strategies designed to reduce the risk of internal and external disputes. He brings a practical, solution oriented approach to every matter, drawing on his combined litigation, corporate, and regulatory experience to address challenges efficiently and effectively. Ben is particularly valued for his ability to guide matters from their earliest stages through resolution, including appeals before the highest state and federal courts when necessary.

Ben joined Ireland Stapleton after graduating with highest honors from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Prior to law school, he worked in banking and spent two years teaching English in Japan.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Represents partners, members, and shareholders of privately held businesses in disputes involving departure, dissolution, and director and officer liability claims, including freeze-out cases.
- Represented international manufacturer in products defect case and secured a complete victory at trial.
- Secured several appellate victories at the Colorado Supreme Court on election law issues.
- Successfully represented proponents of various ballot measures through the Colorado title setting process, including Title Board hearings.

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

- J.D., University of Denver Sturm College of Law, 2010, Order of St. Ives
- B.S., University of South Dakota, Economics, 2003, with highest honors

Admissions

- Colorado
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

HONORS & AWARDS

- Selected to The Best Lawyers in America® for Commercial Litigation and Corporate Law, 2023-2025
- Selected to Colorado Super Lawyers for Business Litigation, 2014-2020

INVOLVEMENT & PUBLICATIONS

Involvement

- Colorado Bar Association
- Denver Bar Association

Publications

- Antitrust for All: A Primer for the Non-Antitrust Practitioner," in The Colorado Lawyer, October 2014.
- Denver University Law Review, Staff Editor, 2009-10.

Media

- "As judge dismisses lawsuit against Colorado Blue Book, a second group accuses the election guide of being unfair," Denver 7, September 11, 2020

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LEGAL EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

- Represented fire district in territory dispute with neighboring district and secured a complete victory at trial.
- Won an appellate case on issue of first impression regarding the interpretation of a statute that was critical to the client's business.
- Represents rural electric associations in regulatory matters before the Colorado Public Utilities Commission.
- Represented a national transportation network company in connection with developing the rules and regulations with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission.
- Represents companies and their officers and directors in employment cases associated with discrimination, sexual harassment, wrongful termination, and wrongful discharge.
- Represented oil and gas company in connection with current and future promote payments and breach of contract related issues.
- Represented oil and gas company in a dispute with dozens of plaintiffs alleging washout claims and obtained order quieting title in the company's protective leases.
- Represented ranch owner in pipeline dispute against oil and gas company and secured arbitration award in ranch owner's favor.
- Represented a fixed-based operator in a federal antitrust lawsuit asserting claims under the Sherman Act, equal protection clause, and commerce clause.
- Represents claimants in FINRA actions for securities fraud violations.

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