

Jerry Orten **Special Counsel – Expert Witness**

Jerry works with community associations in all areas of law. From community formation and community change and amendment, to governance, collection and enforcement issues, for over 27 years, Jerry's progressive style and approach brings problem resolution and value to owner associations and the communities they govern.

Recognizing the unique qualities of each association and its leadership, Jerry focuses on a balanced approach to complex issues, assisting associations in adding and preserving the value of the properties of members. He delivers creative solutions that enhance community relations.

In addition to practicing law as a community association attorney, Jerry frequently provides expert testimony in lawsuits and on legislation related to covenants, easements, equitable servitudes, common interest communities and the owner associations that govern and operate these common interest or covenant controlled communities.

The content and context of Jerry's testimony includes residential, mixed use, commercial and similar communities.

Jerry continues to have an influential role in Colorado law and in legislation affecting community associations. He assisted in the drafting of the bill that became the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act (CCIOA) and has been involved in over 20 amendments to that Act. Jerry served on Governor Romer's Task Force on Large Planned Communities. He frequently provides expert counsel to other attorneys, testifies as an expert in court, testifies at the State Capitol and advises legislators and lobbyists.

Expertise

Community Formation
Community Operation, Management, and Governance
Document Amendments
Easements and Equitable Servitudes
Document Interpretation
Policy and Rule Adopting and Drafting
Maintenance, Repair, Replacement, and Improvement Allocations
Assessment Collection
Foreclosure
Litigation, Arbitration and Mediation
Covenant Enforcement
Contract Review and Negotiation
Legislation
Practical Association Counsel
Insurance Reviews
Risk Management

Education

University of Colorado – Boulder (J.D., 1981)
University of Colorado – Boulder (B.A., 1978)