



## Edward N. Barad

### Shareholder

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Ed Barad represents institutional and private equity fund investors in entity structuring and commercial real estate, development, acquisition, and disposition. In 2018, Ed has transacted \$1B of real estate matters. In 2017, he was named one of *Law Week Colorado's* Lawyers of the Year.

Ed has been ranked in the top tier of real estate lawyers in Colorado by *Chambers USA* (Band One-Top 12) for over a decade. He has been rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell for 30 years, ranked by *Super Lawyers* as one of the top 50 (2008) and top 100 (2012-2015) of all lawyers in Colorado, and listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for each of the last 14 years. From 2015-2019, he was named by *5280 Magazine* as one of the top real estate lawyers in Colorado.

According to *Chambers USA* (2019), Ed is commended for his "vast levels of experience." In *Chambers USA* (2018), Ed's clients called him an "exceptional transactional attorney." "He's very practical. He has great legal skills and we like his business judgment as well," one client said. In *Chambers USA* (2016), the publication listed praise from sources about his "tremendous legal background and legal skills," how he "constantly exhibits a solution-oriented approach," and "retains his reputation as a go-to attorney for transaction, financing and restructuring matters." *Chambers USA* (2015) reported that he "possesses a wealth of experience, good business judgement and legal knowledge" and describes him as "*the dean of real estate.*" *Chambers USA* (2014) recognized Ed for how he "wins admiration for his great style and ability to negotiate complex deals." *Chambers USA* (2012) described him as "deeply respected by commentators, who describe him as a '*very straightforward*' practitioner who '*doesn't play games.*' He has an exceptional reputation for real estate development work and earns praise as a 'detail-oriented, very knowledgeable' lawyer."

#### **Principal Clients:**

- Blackstone Group International Partners LLP
- Starwood CPG Operations, L.L.C.
- Miller Global Properties
- Hines Interests
- SIMEON Commercial Properties LLC
- Cottonwood Residential O.P., LP
- Equity Office Properties
- Lionstone Group

#### **Principal Memberships and Publications:**

- Member American College of Real Estate Lawyers and served on its Board of Governors
- Wrote the original rules of the Colorado Bar Ethics Committee
- Chairman and principal draftsman for the committee that published the Colorado Standards for Mortgage Loan Opinion Letters
- Served on the Joint Committee of the American Bar Association, American College of Real Estate Lawyers and the American College of Mortgage Attorneys in the publication of the "Real Estate Finance Opinion Report of 2012"

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## **Practices**

Real Estate, Acquisition Disposition, Development, Distressed Asset Advisory Services, Finance & Lending

## **Representative Matters**

- Represented buyer in the \$70M acquisition, financing, and development of an office building in Portland, Oregon.
- Sale of Panorama Corporate Center, a 780,649-square-foot, six-building, class A office campus in suburban Denver.
- Represented buyer in \$500M acquisition of foreign pension advisor for two downtown Denver high-rise buildings and local counsel opinion for \$63M acquisition loan.
- Represented the landowner in land use, financing and disposition of \$300M Gaylord Hotel Conference Center location and bond closing negotiations.
- 200,000 square foot office lease with Fortune 50 company.
- Purchase of 200,000 square foot high rise core and shell office development in Austin, Texas.
- \$360M acquisition, financing and development in downtown Denver.
- Acquisition of 216,000 square feet office building in Austin, Texas.
- \$100M Revolving Credit Facility.
- Sale of Westgate Buildings 2 and 3 in Houston, Texas.
- Acquisition, mixed use development and resale of Ninth and Colorado Boulevard site, in Denver, Colorado.
- Development of an \$80M office complex in Austin, Texas.
- Represented tenant, in a build-to-suit lease in connection with the construction, financing and leasing of a new 270,000 square foot headquarters office building.
- 82M Structured Finance Build-to-Suit transaction.
- Development of the Highpoint 1,800 acre mixed use community adjacent to Denver International Airport.
- Representation of a real estate investment company in its \$285M refinance of an approximately 590 acres hotel and golf course resort property.
- \$50M Refinance of office building in Washington, DC.
- Structure and finance of \$150M apartment development in San Jose, California.
- Structure capital funding of \$500M multi-unit apartment developments in Texas, North Carolina, Florida, and Utah.
- Acquisition, structure and finance of three 400,000-800,000 square foot office complexes in Houston, Texas, and Washington D.C.
- Advise and due diligence regarding authority and perfection of security in a \$5B portfolio.
- Acquisition, mixed use development and resale of Green Gables Country Club in Denver, Colorado.
- Acquisition of \$139M four-building complex in Santa Monica, California.
- Negotiation of purchase, sale and development agreements for sale and development of 300,000 square foot hotel complex in Aurora, Colorado at High Point Office Park adjacent to Denver International Airport with use of public/private financing.
- Development of 1,000 acre Vista Ridge Residential/Golf Course Community in Erie, Colorado.
- Development of the 1,000 acre Grant Ranch Residential Community in Jefferson County, Colorado.

## **Community**

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President, Board of Hillel of Colorado

Board Member, Jewish Family and Children's Services

**Former Community Involvement**

Director, University of Colorado Foundation

United Way, de Tocqueville Society

Board Member, Allied Jewish Federation

Board Member, American-Israel Friendship League

Board Member, Anti-Defamation League

Board Member, Shalom Workshop

President and Chairman of the Board, Beth Ha Medrosh Hagodol-Beth Joseph Congregation

President, Green Gables Country Club

President, Hillel Council of Colorado

**Publications & Presentations**

- The Negotiation and Law of Commercial Purchase and Sale Agreements, Presenter, 36th, Annual Real Estate Symposium, Vail, CO, July 19, 2018
- Real Estate Opinions in Colorado: The Evolution of Customary Practice, Co-author, *Colorado Lawyer*, January 2018
- Colorado Purchase and Sale Issues For Buyers, Author, *The Practical Real Estate Lawyer*, July 2017
- In the Aftermath of the Great Recession: An Assessment of Real Estate Finance Trends in Underwriting, Documentation, Lender Liability and Opinion Letters, Co-Speaker, Commercial Loan Documentation: Tools for Seamless Transaction, CBA CLE, September 17, 2014
- Current And Constant Issues In Third Party Real Estate Opinion Letter Practice, Speaker, 32nd Annual Real Estate Symposium, Colorado Bar Association Real Estate Section, Vail, CO, July 10-12, 2014
- Recent Developments in Legal Opinions: The New National Commentary, Conference co-chair and panelist, Real Estate Finance & Development Conference: The World of the 'New Normal,' Colorado Law Institute CLE International, Denver, CO, May 6, 2013
- Real Estate Restructuring - Strategies in this Unique Economy, CLE International, conference chairman and presenter, March 28, 2011
- Purchase of Promissory Notes Secured by Real Estate, presenter, Annual Distressed Real Estate Conference, Colorado Law Institute, co-chair of conference, May 7-8, 2009
- Annual Mixed-Use Development Conference, co-chair, June 2-3, 2008; 2009
- Tax Effective Planning for Mixed-Use Development, Mixed-Use Development Conference, June 2, 2008

**Education**

- J.D., 1973, University of Colorado Law School
- B.S., 1969, University of Colorado

**Admissions**

- Colorado, 1973

**Recognition**

5280 Top Lawyers, Real Estate, 2015-2019

*Best Lawyers in America*, 2003-2019

*Chambers USA*, 2003-2019

*Colorado Super Lawyers*, 2006-2019

*Colorado Super Lawyers*, Top 100 in Colorado, 2012-2015

*Colorado Super Lawyers*, Top 50 in Colorado, 2008

*Corporate Counsel* magazine, Best Lawyers, 2003-2007

International Who's Who of Real Estate Lawyers, 2004-2014

International Who's Who of Business Lawyers, 2010-2014

*Lawdragon 500*, 2007-2010

Martindale-Hubbell rating AV® Preeminent™ 5.0 out of 5.0

*Lawdragon 3000*, 2011

*Law Week Colorado*, Lawyers of the Year, 2017

Who's Who Legal: Real Estate

Who's Who in American Law

Who's Who Legal: USA

### **Membership**

American Bar Association

Colorado Bar Association

American College of Real Estate Lawyers

ABA Business Law Section, Committee on Legal Opinions

### **Former Positions**

Chairman, Rules Subcommittee, Colorado Bar Ethics Committee

Co-Chairman, Opinion Letter Standards Committee, Colorado Bar Real Estate Section

Opinion Letter Subcommittee, American College of Real Estate Lawyers

Board of Governors, American College of Real Estate Lawyers

Hearing Examiner, Rules Subcommittee, Colorado Bar Ethics Committee

Supreme Court Grievance Committee