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Risa represents owners, developers, contractors, design professionals, commercial landlords and other construction and real estate sector clients in a broad range of commercial litigation in state and federal trial courts, in arbitral forums, and on appeal.

An integral member of the firm's Denver litigation team, she has a particular focus on the thriving Crested Butte real estate market, which she calls home.

Her experience includes disputes involving:

- Construction and design defects
- Recovery and subrogation
- Constructive changes, acceleration and delay
- Breach of contract and indemnity
- Commercial litigation
- Title insurance claims
- Easement and property line boundaries
- Landlord-tenant issues

In addition to helping clients efficiently resolve their disputes, both at trial and the negotiating table, Risa has significant appellate experience, including representing a national homebuilder before the Colorado Supreme Court in a precedent-setting win for real estate developers.

Risa was also part of the appellate team that litigated *Broomfield Senior Living Owner, LLC v. R.G. Brinkmann Company*, 2017 COA 31, 413 P.3d 219 *reh'g denied* (Apr. 20, 2017), *cert. denied*, No. 17SC351, 2017 WL 3868161 (Colo. Sept. 5, 2017). The Court of Appeals' opinion in *Broomfield* assessed the term "residential property owner" in Colorado's Homeowner Protection Act of 2007 as a matter of first impression and applied it in the context of a construction defect action involving a residential senior living community.

Risa has served as appellate counsel in nonpublished cases as well, authoring briefs in the Colorado Supreme Court and Colorado Court of Appeals on behalf of owners, developers and other real estate sector clients.

Services

- Litigation

- Construction
- Insurance
- Real Estate
- Title Insurance
- Appellate Practice
- Real Estate Litigation

Before Fox Rothschild

Risa has previously performed legal work for a variety of organizations throughout Colorado including the Colorado Court of Appeals, where she served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Robert M. Russel and the Honorable Alan M. Loeb. During law school, she served as an intern for the Natural Resources and Environmental Section of the Office of the Attorney General and as an intern for the Colorado Water Trust.

Prior to her legal career, Risa worked in real estate for Sotheby's International Realty, where she supervised pending sales and listing contracts and assisted with marketing and business development.

While in law school, Risa was elected to the board as Casenote and Comment Editor of the University of Colorado Law Review.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Risa is a member of the Thompson G. Marsh Inn of Court in Denver, a professional association of attorneys devoted to supporting excellence, civility, professionalism and ethics in the practice of law. She previously served on the Executive Board for five years. Risa has also served as an interviewer for the Dartmouth Association of the Rocky Mountains and a volunteer for Telluride Tech Festival.

Bar Admissions

- Colorado

Education

- University of Colorado, School of Law (J.D., 2010)
- Vermont Law School (M.S., *magna cum laude*, 2004)
 - Environmental Law
- Dartmouth College (B.A., 2003)

Memberships

- Thompson G. Marsh Inn of Court
- Colorado Bar Association
- Denver Bar Association
- Colorado Defense Lawyers Association

Honors & Awards

- Selected to the "Ones to Watch" list for Environmental and Real Estate Litigation in Denver, CO by *Best Lawyers* (2023)