



Bradley VandenDries

Partner

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“I am committed to understanding our clients’ goals and providing real-world solutions to achieve those goals. Most of all, I strive to be a trusted and dependable partner to our clients, in all facets of their legal needs.”

Brad VandenDries is a seasoned litigator who represents clients in construction, real estate, and insurance disputes, with a particular emphasis on resolving claims involving delays, defects, payment issues, and coverage disputes. He also has extensive experience drafting and negotiating sophisticated commercial construction contracts on behalf of owners, developers, contractors, and design professionals. In addition to his industry-specific work, Brad provides comprehensive litigation support across all phases of a dispute, from pre-litigation strategy and risk assessment to discovery, motion practice, and trial preparation.

Brad began his legal career clerking for the Honorable Thomas Neville and the Honorable Jonathan Medema in Idaho’s Fourth Judicial District Court, where he gained valuable insights into judicial decision-making and trial strategy. Before joining Miller Nash, Brad practiced at a full-service law firm in Boise, where he advised a broad range of clients in the construction and real estate sectors and represented them in both litigation and alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

Professional Activities

- Idaho State Bar, Member
 - Litigation Section
 - Business & Corporate Law Section
 - Real Property Section
- American Inns of Court, Boise Chapter, Alumnus

Civic Activities

- Ducks Unlimited, Boise Chapter, Former Chairperson
- Morrison-Knudsen Nature Center, Former Board Member
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children, Pro Bono Attorney
- Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program, Veterans Legal Clinic

Education

J.D., University of Idaho
College of Law, 2014

B.A., Gonzaga University,
2009

Bar Admissions

Idaho, 2014

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, District
of Idaho, 2016

Representative Experience

Construction Litigation

- Defended developer against claims for breach of contract, and violation of consumer protection act claims, obtaining dismissal of multiple causes of action, and negotiated settlement in client's favor.
- Represented developer in acquisition of complex, partially complete development project.
- Represented developer in boundary dispute reaching negotiated settlement.
- Represented condominium association in lawsuit concerning breach of contract, quiet title, slander of title, and declaratory judgment, obtaining summary dismissal of all of the plaintiffs' claims.
- Represented client in construction defect lawsuit culminating in a jury trial spanning three weeks, obtaining jury verdict limiting liability of client.
- Represented client in construction defect lawsuit concerning a largescale commercial food production facility, obtaining favorable settlement or client prior to trial.
- Represented contractor in lawsuit concerning construction defects in plumbing system, obtaining summary dismissal of all of the plaintiff's claims.
- Represented contractor in lawsuit concerning construction defects in roofing system, obtaining summary dismissal of all of the plaintiff's claims.
- Represented plaintiffs in lawsuit concerning claims for breach of contract and violations of property condition disclosure act claims, obtaining favorable settlement for clients in advance of trial.
- Represented developer in lawsuit concerning breach of purchase and sale agreement, obtaining summary judgment in favor of client and favorable settlement prior to trial.
- Represented public utility provider in court trial concerning breach of contract and related claims.
- Represented numerous construction lien claimants in actions to recover unpaid work, recovering substantial amounts owed for past due work, as well as attorney fees and costs in many instances.
- Represented public utility contractor in lawsuit concerning breach of commercial lease, obtaining favorable settlement for client.
- Represented numerous landlords in actions concerning breach of commercial lease agreements.

Insurance Coverage

- Represented client regarding obtainment of coverage against commercial lines carrier.
- Represented client in lawsuit against commercial lines carrier concerning coverage for collapsed warehouse, obtaining favorable settlement for client.
- Represented client in products liability and commercial construction defect lawsuit concerning coverage for losses incurred at a university dormitory.

Commercial Litigation

- Represented client before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Trial and Appeals Board, in proceeding concerning infringing use of trademark, obtaining favorable agreement for collateral use of trademarks.
- Represented multiple clients in lawsuit against jet boat manufacturer concerning claims for breach of contract, fraud, and violation of consumer protection act claims.
- Represented international food producer in lawsuit concerning scope of employment claims.
- Represented client in lawsuit concerning scope of Idaho's collection statutes of procedures.
- Assisted in drafting Petition for Certiorari to the Supreme Court of the United States.
- Represented client in collection lawsuit against international delivery service, obtaining summary judgment for client, and attorneys fees.
- Represented client in adversary proceeding in federal bankruptcy court.

- Represented majority shareholders in privately held corporation against claims by minority shareholders, achieving advantageous negotiated settlement.
- Defended client in limited partnership dispute concerning claims for breach of partnership agreement and breach of fiduciary duty, obtaining dismissal of all claims asserted against client.

Publications

- “Power to the People: Hydroelectric Utilities and the Need for Recognition of the Judicial Takings Theory,” 50 Idaho L. Rev. 169 (2013)

Personal Activities

Outside of the office, Brad enjoys exploring Idaho’s rivers and backcountry with his wife, daughters, and Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, Tilly.