

Jerry Orten Community Association Attorney

Jerry is a partner at the firm and works with community associations in all areas of law. From community formation and community change and amendment, to governance, collection and enforcement issues, and 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.

Jerry has played and 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 Amendments
- Covenant Enforcement
- Document Interpretation
- Policy and Rule Adopting and Drafting
- Assessment Collection
- Foreclosure
- Litigation, Arbitration and Mediation
- Association Governance
- Contract Review and Negotiation
- Legislation
- Practical Association Counsel
- Insurance Reviews
- Risk Management

Professional and Community Involvement

- Community Associations Institute, National, Member since 1981
- College of Community Association Lawyers, Member since 1997
- Community Associations Institute, Rocky Mountain Chapter, Member since 1981, Board Member (1992-1996), Vice President (1994-1996)
- Community Associations Institute, Southern Colorado Chapter, Member since 1994, Board Member (1999-2002)



Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act (CCIOA), Drafting Committee Member (1989-1992)
Governor's Task Force on Large Planned Communities (1994-1995)
Colorado Legislative Action Committee of CAI, Member since 1991, Past Chair (1998-2003)
Neighborhood Resource Center, Board Member since 2001
Home Builders Association, Member (1994-2003), Associates Member Council, 1999
Colorado Hotel and Lodging Association, Member, 1994-2003
Poet Member since 1986
American Bar Association, Chairman, Homeowners and Community Associations Committee (1991-1995)
Colorado, Denver and Adams County Bar Associations
Standley Lake Water & Sanitation District (dissolved), Past Board Member and President
Board Member (1999-2007), President (2006-2007), Condominium Association located in Southwest Colorado
Olde Wadsworth Homeowners Association, Past Board Member and President (1990-1999)
Frequent speaker at CAI programs and author for CAI publications
Continuing Legal Education Speaker
CAI's Common Ground Magazine - Contributing Editor since 1995
Rocky Mountain Chapter of CAI Magazine, Common Interests - Co-Editor (1996-1998), Letter of the Law Column Editor (1986-1998)
Probate and Property Magazine of the Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section of the American Bar Association – "Successfully Amending Common Interest Community Covenants"
Real Property, Probate and Trust Journal - "Allocation of Damages for Tort Liability in Common Interest Communities"

Colorado Lawyer – Co-Author, "The Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act"

Multi-Housing Quarterly - Co-Author - "Transition of Developer Control to Homeowners," Author, "Equity Skimming: A Crisis in Residential Real Estate"

Education

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