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Overview

Matt Dalton helps two distinct groups in the creation and operation of special districts.

Matt assists developers in creating taxing districts for their proposed developments – commercial, residential, or mixed use – so they can use tax revenue and municipal debt to help finance their project and provide ongoing services once the development is complete.

He also helps existing special districts such as metropolitan districts, fire protection districts, water, and sanitation districts, business improvement districts and intergovernmental authorities to ensure that they are run properly and are able to address the short and long term operation and maintenance of their public facilities, services, and programs for the benefit of their property owners and residents.

Education

- University of Nebraska College of Law, 1978 (J.D.), *with honors*
- University of Nebraska, 1975 (B.A.), *with distinction*
- Hastings College

Bar Admissions

- Colorado, 1981

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2022
- American Jurisprudence Award in UCC, Civil Procedure, and Municipal Law

Memberships

- Denver Bar Associations
- Colorado Bar Associations
- Nebraska Bar Association
- National Western Stock Show Association, Member and Volunteer
- Swallow Hill Music Association, Former Director and Former Vice-President
- Colorado Council on Economic Education, Former Board Member
- Capitol Hill Action and Recreation Group, Former Board Member

Presentations and Publications

- "Special Districts Utilities and Transportation Running with the Land," Continuing Legal Education in Colorado, 1984
- "Vehicles for Funding and Development of Water Systems, Water Law for the Real Estate Practitioner," Continuing Legal Education in Colorado, 1986
- "Director Conflicts The Effect of Disclosure," *The Colorado Lawyer*, March and April 1988
- "Rules: The Grimshaw and Harring World Series of Poker," 1983-2008

Related Experience

- Organized special districts statewide, from a 35-acre housing development in Thornton to the 22,000-acre Banning Lewis Ranch in Colorado Springs as well as districts in Durango, Vail, Loveland, and Denver.
- Served as an expert witness in numerous actions involving special districts, their boards of directors and their statutory powers and abilities.
- Existing clients include the Meridian Metropolitan District covering the Meridian Business Center in Douglas County, South Metro Fire Rescue, and Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District in Eagle County.