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Practice Areas

- Healthcare
- Insurance Defense
- Labor & Employment
- Litigation
- Will, Trusts, Estates, & Probate

Admissions

- Colorado
- California

Education & Honors

- University of Iowa, College of Law (2003)
- Colorado College (1995)

Eric is a partner with the firm's Litigation Practice Group. A Colorado native, Eric, returned to Denver in 2021, joining Messner Reeves' Downtown Denver office, while also continuing to practice in California with the firm's Orange County office.

Eric is a seasoned civil litigation attorney with broad experience in contract, tort, employment, civil rights, and other statutory claims in commercial, construction, surety, healthcare, insurance, probate and trust, professional liability and other areas. He has represented contractors, suppliers, owners, sureties, healthcare providers, patients, insurers, other business entities and individuals in state and federal courts, administrative and arbitration proceedings, as well as on appeal and in original writ proceedings. His experience includes class action, complex and coordinated civil actions, often including government entities.

Eric was raised in western Colorado with three brothers, his youngest with a developmental disability. He began his legal career early, as a runner and file clerk for a five-attorney general practice in Steamboat Springs while in high school. After working his way through college as a legal assistant, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science at Colorado College, Eric worked a litigation paralegal with pioneering civil and disability rights attorneys in Denver in the mid-late 1990s. He graduated from the University of Iowa, College of Law in 2003, receiving a J.D. with distinction. While at Iowa, Eric was a research assistant with the Law, Health Policy & Disability Center where he was involved in research addressing barriers to and the accessibility of computer technology to disabled individuals. He also served as a summer law clerk to the Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa in Des Moines, Iowa.

Eric was admitted to the bar in Colorado in 2003, and in California in 2005. In his very first years as an attorney, Eric was part of a team that sought and obtained an original writ from the Colorado Supreme Court addressing due process requirements necessary to preclude damage claims by members of a prior injunctive relief class action that had been dismissed as moot. In 2006, he became an associate then senior attorney with a commercial, surety, construction, and healthcare litigation firm in Orange, California. Before joining Messner Reeves, Eric was General Counsel for six years of a California-based healthcare provider of daily services at approximately 150 hospitals throughout California and Oregon.