Messner Reeves LLP



Practice Areas

- Banking and Financial Institutions
- Corporate
- Real Estate
- Real Estate Litigation

Admissions

Colorado

Education & Honors

- University of Denver Sturm College of Law – J.D. 2001
- University of Colorado Boulder –
 B.A. International Affairs 1993
- University of Colorado Boulder –
 B.S. Journalism 1993

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Ms. Deanne Stodden's practice encompasses all areas of real estate law, business law, banking law and creditor's rights. The majority of her legal career has focused on the representation of large and small financial institutions and other creditors in residential and commercial foreclosures, loan workouts, deficiency actions, bankruptcy matters, evictions, replevins and real estate-related litigation. Deanne has significant experience negotiating and documenting loan transactions involving real estate. She drafts and negotiates leases, license agreements, cell tower leases and enjoys working with small businesses and entrepreneurs on entity formation, organization documents and contracts. In addition to her work, Deanne is active in the legal community and is a frequent author and speaker on a variety of real estate law and creditor's rights topics. Deanne is currently a member of the Colorado Bar Association Title Standards Committee and is a member of the Colorado Bar Association Real Estate Section Council. Deanne is currently the Chief Governance Officer for the American Legal and Financial Network (ALFN). Deanne is the Managing Editor of the Colorado Bar Association/CLE Colorado Real Estate Practice books and collaborates with the other authors to teach the 13-week course in real estate law to new lawyers, paralegals, and other attendees. Most recently, Deanne is a part-time faculty member at the University of Colorado Leeds College of Business in Boulder where she teaches Real Estate Law.

Awards

- US News & World Report Best Lawyers in America: 2023
- Aksel Nielsen Award 2020 Recipient

Associations

- American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL) Fellow
- Colorado Bar Association (2001-present) (member Real Estate and Business Law Sections)
- Denver Bar Association (2001-present)
- Real Estate Section Council ("RESC") (2010-2013 and 2021-present)
- Colorado Bar Association Ethics Committee (2014 2023)
- Colorado Bar Association Title Standards Committee (2022 present)
- American Legal and Financial Network (ALFN) Board of Directors (2019 present)
- ALFN Chief Governance Officer (present)
- Colorado Bar Fellow (2014-present)
- Colorado Mortgage Lenders Association (CMLA) Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee (2012present)
- CMLA Board of Governors (present)

Publications and Speaking Engagements

- Foreclosure Law in Colorado, 2nd edition, Federal Regulatory Issues in Foreclosure
- Colorado Real Estate Practice (2017-present) Contributing Author and Managing Editor, Author Chapter 7 on Public Trustee Foreclosure
- Public Trustee Foreclosure, CBA CLE Real Estate Practice Course (2017-present)
- Uncommon Grounds, presented at ALFN Answers July 2023
- Federal Regulation, the CFPB and FDCPA, presented at ALFN Foreclosure Intersect, November 2022
- Ethics Opinions New and New-ish, presented at the CBA CLE Real Estate Symposium July 2022
- The World of Evictions, moderated panel at CBA CLE Real Estate Symposium July 2021
- Foreclosing eNotes and eMortgages and Remote Notarization, presented to the ALFN July 2020
- Flat Fee Strategies, presented at the CBA CLE Real Estate Symposium July 2017
- Ballot Initiative #127 Establishment of a State-Owned Bank, published in the CBA Business Law Section Newsletter, April 2016
- The Lender's Concerns in a Residential Real Estate Transaction Including the CFPB Rules, (March 2016 CBA CLE Real Estate Class)
- Foreclosure Law Update, presented at the CBA CLE Real Estate Symposium July 2015
- CFPB and Foreclosure, presented at the CBA CLE Foreclosure Law Program, May 2015
- Commercial Loan Enforcement, presented at the CBA CLE Real Estate Update March 2015

Community Involvement

- Board of Directors Colorado Canine Rescue
- Colorado Bar Association Fellow

Professional Experience

- The Stodden Law Firm, LLP/ Founder (2017)
- Carpenter & Klatskin, P.C. (February 2015-2018) Of Counsel
- Coan, Payton & Payne, LLP (January 2016-February 2017) Equity Member
- Rogers & Stodden, LLP/The Stodden Law Firm, LLP (January 2014-January 2016) Owner/Founder
- Fortis Law Partners (August 2015-May 2016) Of Counsel
- The Castle Law Group (January 2008-July 2013) Managing Attorney
- Castle Stawiarkski (November 2001-2008) Associate Attorney
- United States Attorney's Office (June 1999-October 2001) Civil Division Law Clerk

