



# Matthew R. Sullivan

## Partner

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### Practice Areas

- Corporate
- Liquor Licensing
- Real Estate

### Admissions

- Colorado
- U.S. District Court of Colorado

### Education & Honors

- University of Colorado-Denver, MBA specialization in Finance, 2014 (Cum Laude)
- University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., 2007
- Staff Editor- Transportation Law Journal
- Gonzaga University, B.A., Finance, 2005 (Cum Laude)

### Associations

- Denver Bar Association
- Colorado Bar Association
- Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA)
- Colorado Oil & Gas Association
- NAIOP Commercial Development Association

### Awards

- Best Lawyers – 2022
- Super Lawyers, Rising Star - 2018,2019,2020,2021, 2023

Mr. Sullivan is a partner in the firm's Real Estate, Corporate, Banking & Financial, and Restaurant & Hospitality Practice Groups. Mr. Sullivan is a graduate of Gonzaga University and The University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Mr. Sullivan also attended the University of Colorado, where he received his MBA. Prior to joining Messner Reeves, Mr. Sullivan worked as Corporate Counsel for Red Robin International, Inc., focusing on Real Estate and Asset Management. His experience there included negotiating and drafting purchase and sales agreements, commercial leases, amendments, renewal amendments, estoppel agreements, and subordination non-disturbance and attornment agreements.

#### Real Estate

Mr. Sullivan's real estate practice focuses on a broad range of real estate transactions including leasing, acquisitions and dispositions of real estate, title review, workout and recovery agreements, foreclosure agreements, financing real estate and other related contracts and legal documents. Mr. Sullivan has extensive experience in negotiating with landlords in connection with commercial leases and lease disputes.

#### Corporate

Mr. Sullivan's corporate practice focuses on representing public and private companies, with a focus on entity formation, structuring, debt and equity financing, mergers, acquisitions, and corporate governance. Additionally, Mr. Sullivan has experience in the restaurant and hospitality industry representing and acquiring companies, financings, and joint ventures involving foodservice companies and serves as business counsel to clients across a range of industries utilizing his education and experience to advise his clients.

#### Banking & Financial

He also represents a variety of creditors in loan agreements and bankruptcy matters, including handling Chapter 7, 11 and 13 proof of claim submissions and relief from automatic stay issues.

## **Bio Continued**

### Restaurants & Hospitality

Mr. Sullivan's Restaurant & Hospitality experience includes full-service legal representation in connection with hotel and restaurant management, liquor licensing, acquisition, partnership and entity structuring, sale, financial structuring and development throughout the United States. He has experience with franchise agreements and operating leases, acquisition and sale of hotels, bars and restaurants, negotiations for construction and development agreements, as well as for debt and equity financing for hotel and restaurant acquisitions, and advice and administration of the day-to-day issues that arise in the operation of hotels and restaurants.

### Dental & Medical

Mr. Sullivan also has extensive experience representing doctors, dentists, and other healthcare professionals with regards to corporate and real estate matters. He assists clients with handling the complex issues faced by individual practitioners and groups, including issues relating to real estate, either purchasing or leasing the property where the practice will reside, purchasing or selling their practice, corporate structure, corporate governance, regulatory compliance, and employment issues.

## **Community Involvement**

- Kids In Need of Dentistry (KIND) – Golf Committee Member

## **Professional Experience**

- Corporate Counsel, Red Robin International, Inc. 2007-2012