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Ron Sandgrund is a trial lawyer with experience litigating construction defect, construction materials, product liability, multi-family community, class action, and insurance lawsuits. He is a prolific author of articles and books on Colorado construction and materials defect law and related insurance coverage issues. He is a former *Colorado Lawyer* board member and has authored numerous *Colorado Lawyer* articles, including the InQuiring Lawyer series.

PROFILE

Hometown:

East Meadow, New York

Law School:

University of Colorado

Lives in:

Unincorporated
Boulder County

Works at:

Burg Simpson Eldredge
Hersh & Jardine, P.C.

Practice Area(s):

Construction and Product
Defects, Liability Insurance,
Class Actions, and Appeals

CBA Member Since:

1982

Describe yourself in five words.

Curious, competitive, empathetic, careful, energetic.

Why did you become a lawyer?

I wish I could say it has always been my passion or that I wanted to change the world, but the truth is that after four summers working in a marine aquaculture laboratory, stints as a bartender and retail space finisher, and brief graduate studies in experimental psychology and English literature, I saw law school as a placeholder until I figured things out. Happily, being an attorney and helping people was a good fit for me.

Who is your favorite writer and why?

Charles Dickens. His profound understanding of the human condition still amazes me; his advocacy for social justice was ahead of his time.

Outside of the law, what are your hobbies?

Reading, travelling, disc golf, tennis, racquetball, biking, hiking, socializing, piano playing, and discussing politics.

If you weren't a lawyer, you'd be?

An investigative reporter or playwright.

Favorite place you've traveled to:

Vietnam, with my brother, a Vietnam veteran.

Last movie you watched:

Sunrise, by F.W. Murnau.

On your desk right now:

A letter from my former law partner, the best attorney I've ever encountered, a great friend, an amazing business person, and one of the most courageous and generous people I have known. As our careers wind down, I look forward to us enjoying more skiing, sailing, and arguing politics together!

Please share a positive experience you've had as a lawyer.

One week during the mid-1990s, I received appellate opinions in a couple of cases that saved my corporate clients tens of millions of dollars—I forwarded the rulings on and never heard back from either client. That same week I got a page-long, handwritten thank-you note from a homeowner who I had given some free legal advice to on how to resolve some punch list items with her homebuilder. At that moment I knew that my law firm's decision to switch from a defense to a plaintiff's practice would work out just fine. 

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