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The OPRO is a nonpartisan, neutral state office established to educate citizens and government entities in land use, eminent domain, and takings matters. The OPRO’s objectives include protecting property rights by advocating for the law and working to resolve disputes. Since his appointment as Lead Attorney in 2007, Brent has overseen the preparation of approximately 75 formal Advisory Opinions, mediated several hundred eminent domain disputes, and advised countless citizens and government entities regarding eminent domain, land use, and other property rights issues. Brent loves land use law, has a passion for helping people, and considers himself fortunate to assist others in the resolution of conflicts.