



Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP

1998-2018



WTO 20th Anniversary Celebration – February 1, 2018

Seated, from left: founding partners Michael O'Donnell, Jack Trigg, Malcolm Wheeler, and Paul Hultin. Not pictured: founding partner Mark Kennedy, dec. 2009.

TRIAL
TESTED

“Responsive,
strategic, and
forward thinking.”

– Client comment to *Chambers USA 2018*

DEAR CLIENTS, COLLEAGUES & FRIENDS

2018 marked WTO's 20th year of practice. By any standard, it was one of our most successful years yet.

You hired us for some of your biggest and most important litigation—including industry-changing actions.

You referred us for complex, challenging, and sophisticated work. Your kind words boosted us to new and greater recognitions representing the height of achievement in our industry:

- Finalist, The American Lawyer National Boutique/Specialty Litigation Department of the Year—only 7 firms in the nation made the shortlist.
- “Standout,” BTI Consulting, Class Actions & Product Liability. BTI's rankings are based exclusively on input from more than 350 in-house counsel each year.

Thank you. For 20 years, you have chosen WTO for the excellence, creativity, and relentless energy we bring to your most important litigation. With each new matter, we strive to affirm that you have chosen wisely.

Above all else, we value your trust, confidence, and collaboration. We look forward to achieving even more with you in the next 20 years.



Carolyn Fairless, Managing Partner | Hugh Gottschalk, President | Michael O'Donnell, Chairman

Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell 2018 Management Committee

Above: Carolyn Fairless, Michael O'Donnell, Hugh Gottschalk | Below: Michael Williams, Kathryn Reilly, Joseph Farchione

The ethical rules of some state bars require us to identify this Review as advertising material and to remind you that the case descriptions included herein are not guarantees of similar results for all clients.



TRIAL TESTED

Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell lawyers have taken more than 1,300 trials, arbitrations, and appeals to verdict, award, or opinion nationwide.

Representative industries include:

- Aerospace & Aviation
- Asbestos
- Automotive
- Banking
- Construction & Engineering
- Consumer Products & Services
- Distribution & Franchising
- Energy
- Financial Services
- Food, Beverage & Hospitality
- Healthcare
- Industrial Equipment
- Insurance
- Legal Services
- Life Sciences
- Manufacturing
- Medical Devices
- Natural Resources
- Oil & Gas
- Pharmaceuticals
- Professional Services
- Real Estate
- Shipping
- Technology & Media
- Telecommunications
- Transportation
- Trucking

“They always deliver.”

– Client comment to *Chambers USA 2018*

480
CLIENTS





2018

110

ATTORNEYS

25

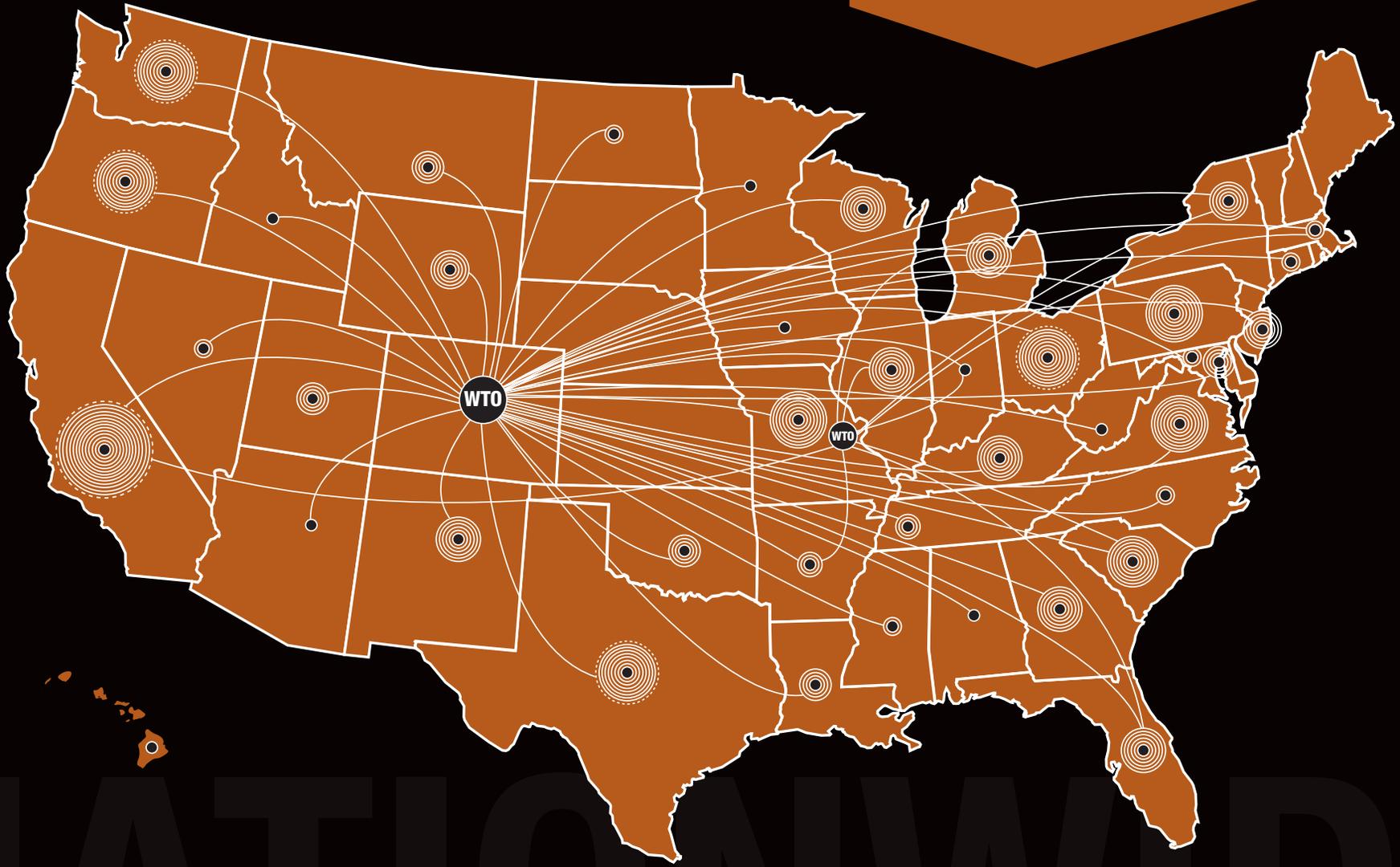
TRIALS &
ARBITRATIONS

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ACTL FELLOWS

NATIONWIDE EXPERIENCE

“Stellar
litigators.”
– *Benchmark Litigation 2019*



NATIONWIDE

EXPERIENCE

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

ABM Industries
Admiral Beverage
Corp.
Advanced Bionics
AEGIS Insurance
Services
Agent Au Pair
AIG
Aimco
Air Methods Corp.
Air Products
& Chemicals
Airbus Helicopters
Allied World National
Assurance
Allstate Insurance
Anheuser-Busch
Arrow Electronics
Assurant
Atmos Energy
Atreo Group
Au Pair International
Auto-Owners
Insurance
AXIS Surplus
Insurance
BP America
Production Co.
Beazley Group

Berkshire Hathaway
Homestate
BHP Billiton
Petroleum
Branta Exploration
& Production
Capstone Headwaters
Center for Excellence
in Higher Education
(fka CollegeAmerica)
CenturyLink
Certain Underwriters
at Lloyd's, London
Chiquita Fresh North
America
City & County
of Denver
CNA Insurance
Comfort Dental
CoorsTek
COPIC Insurance
Crown Equipment
Denver International
Airport
DISH Network
Electric Insurance
Electrolux Home
Products
Encana Oil & Gas

Endurance Specialty
Holdings
Expedia Group
FCA US
Ferrellgas, Inc.
First American Title
Insurance
Ford Motor Co.
Foster Wheeler
Furniture Row
General Electric
Georgia-Pacific
Go Au Pair
Great-West Life
& Annuity
Harvest Natural
Resources
Hillsdale College
HSS
IBM
Ingersoll-Rand
Invacare
Ironshore Insurance
ITW
Jushi Inc.
Johns Manville
LifePoint Health
Lowe Enterprises

Marriott Hotel
Services
Matsuhisa Denver
McKesson
MedPro Group
MedStar Health
Mercedes-Benz USA
Merz North America
Michelin North
America
Miller Electric Mfg.
Mitsubishi Motors
North America
MMIC Group
Motorola Solutions
Inc.
MWH Global
NGL Energy Partners
Nissan North America
Noble Energy
Northstar Rx
OneBeacon
Professional
Insurance
Oxi Fresh Franchising
Pepsi Cola Bottling
Group
Pfizer
Physicians Insurance

PNC Bank N.A.
Pneumo Abex
Power Mount Inc.
Premier Insurance
Quest Diagnostics
SCL Health
Sears Holdings
Skyjack
Slawson Companies
Suncor Energy
TESSCO Technologies
The Doctors Company
Tire Centers (TCi)
Toyota Motor Sales
USA
Tracker Resource
Development
Trane
TransMontaigne
Product Services
Travelers
Tucson Electric
Power Co.
United Services
Automobile
Association
United States Aircraft
Insurance Group

Universal Health
Services
University of Colorado
Hospital
Vail Resorts
Valero Energy
Vanguard Natural
Resources
Veolia North America
Volkswagen Group
of America
Volvo Cars of North
America
Western Litigation
Whirlpool
WhiteWave Foods
Xcel Energy
Yum! Brands
Zocalo Community
Development

A YEAR IN REVIEW

2018 BY THE NUMBERS

WTO pursues excellence, relentlessly.

The rest follows.

480

CLIENTS CHOSE WTO
for complex litigation

85

Percent of WTO
personnel **DONATED**
TIME OR MONEY to WTO
Foundation efforts

84

Percent of WTO
associates **SERVED**
JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

28

STATES in which WTO
lawyers are admitted

25

TRIALS and
arbitrations nationwide

19

BENCHMARK LITIGATION
STARS, 13 more than
the next closest firm

17

NEW ATTORNEYS
joined WTO

9

FELLOWS of the American
College of Trial Lawyers

4

Bet-the-Company Cases
(and **WE WON THEM ALL**)

3

International Academy
of Trial Lawyers **FELLOWS**

2

Twice in three years
a Vault Top 10 National
BEST MIDSIZE LAW
FIRM TO WORK FOR

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#1 BEST PLACE
TO WORK in Denver
according to the Denver
Business Journal

TALENT AT WTO

WTO attracts and develops the nation's best, brightest, and most creative trial lawyers and litigators.



Nationwide Top 10 Best
Midsize Law Firms to Work For

New Partners

Kurt Rozelsky joined the firm as a partner. Kurt is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and has tried more than 35 cases to verdict during his 25-year career. Kurt is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Anthony Barbe was elected to the partnership. Anthony has served on six trial teams in eight years. He earned his J.D. from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and served a judicial clerkship prior to joining WTO.

Ellen Herzog was elected to the partnership. Ellen has tried seven cases in seven years. She served a federal clerkship in the Southern District of Texas and earned her J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law.

16 more attorneys joined the firm:

Xavier Avery Oklahoma 2017

Sup. Ct. U.S. Virgin Islands Clerk

Chuan "CiCi" Cheng Colorado 2012

D. Colo. Clerk

Clarissa Collier Wyoming 2008

Hays Doan Arkansas 2016

8th Cir. Clerk

Kristin Ferries Cornell 2017

Colo. Ct. App. Clerk

Elayna Fiene Denver 2012

D. Colo. Clerk

Johan Flynn Maryland 2001

Daniel Guisbond Fordham 2010

William Hauptman Colorado 2017

Colo. Sup. Ct. Clerk

Matthew Jasilli Columbia 2010

E.D. Penn. Clerk

Kori Flake Miller Georgia 2013

Dean Neuwirth Harvard 1986

D. Colo. Clerk

Jacob Rey Colorado 2016

D. Colo. Clerk

Melissa Romero Denver 2014

D. Colo. Clerk

Megan Treseder Duke 2013

Judith Youngman Texas 1999

6th Ct. App. Tex. Clerk



Above: Habib Nasrullah, Jasmine Reed
Below: Sara Allen, Anthony Barbe

REPRESENTATIONS

“This is the firm to hire in the highest exposure cases requiring experienced trial counsel.”

– Client comment to *U.S. News - Best Lawyers*



THE AMERICAN LAWYER

Finalist, 2018 National Boutique/Specialty Litigation Department of the Year.
WTO 1 of only 7 finalists nationwide.

Right: Carolyn Fairless, Andrew Efaw, Craig May





BET-THE-COMPANY & COMPLEX COMMERCIAL

Won a defense verdict as co-counsel to **defeat \$800M claims in a bet-the-company shareholder dispute involving an oil and gas client.**

Representing three defendants in a **\$2.1B certified federal antitrust class action involving the U.S. au pair program.**

Negotiated a favorable settlement one month before trial in this bet-the-industry litigation. Final agreement is pending court approval.

Successfully represented a publicly traded apartment REIT in **nationwide litigation alleging intentional torts against a leading short-term rental company.** Defendants settled all litigation on the eve of the first trial on terms allowing WTO's client to control short-term rental activity consistent with its contract and property rights.

Representing a party to a dispute involving **a family trust with more than \$2B at stake.**

Representing a leading international oil and gas company in **major litigation involving leasehold rights over hundreds of thousands of acres.**

Won a pair of first-in-the-nation, permanent injunctions for independent distributors against a large corporate distributor that infringed on WTO's clients' exclusive beverage distribution rights.

Defeated a preliminary injunction in a **\$200M lawsuit involving a former investment executive** who sued to nullify a noncompete and launch a competing firm by taking 50 clients with him.

Representing multiple electrical co-ops in major commercial litigation involving hundreds of millions of dollars.

Won a \$50M oil and gas arbitration involving a claim brought by a joint venture partner against WTO's client.

Won a **plaintiff verdict for a nation-leading technology company** in a multimillion-dollar tax dispute against a municipality.

Won a trial verdict for an established manufacturer as plaintiff in a breach of contract action. The court ordered the defendant to pay damages plus attorneys' fees and costs. **A fourth-year WTO associate solo-tried the case.**

“Brings calm to the chaos of high-stakes litigation.”

– Client comment to *Chambers USA 2018*

CLASS ACTIONS & MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

Won a landmark federal case in Illinois defining for the first time the obligations of lead and liaison counsel in multidistrict litigation.

As lead national trial counsel to a major pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturer, **defeated plaintiffs' attempt before the U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation to create an MDL** involving gadolinium-based contrast agents.

Defending a national telecom company as co-counsel **against a high-stakes MDL involving 18 underlying class actions** challenging the company's sales, billing, and securities practices going back a decade.

Serving as monitoring counsel for more than 100 class actions nationwide involving concussion and traumatic brain injury claims in the NCAA, NHL, and U.S. Soccer Federation.

Resolved remaining class actions to end 10 years of copycat litigation involving self-cleaning ovens. **WTO achieved nuisance-value, non-class settlements by excluding an opposing expert and defeating class certification in a related matter.**

Obtained dismissal without payment of more than 120 lawsuits in an MDL in New Orleans involving a pharmaceutical product.

Won summary judgment in arbitration—including an award of \$1.5M plus attorneys' fees—for a nation-leading telecom provider in an indemnification dispute with a former subcontractor whose employee filed a class action lawsuit in the Southern District of New York.

Obtained dismissal of a putative class action lawsuit against a major automobile manufacturer involving alleged misrepresentation and false labeling related to safety features.

Successfully defended a telecom company in a **federal putative class action arising out of an alleged data breach in Washington.**

Representing a major international manufacturer against **class claims involving 15M dishwashers.**

APPEALS

Argued and won in the 6th Circuit for a carmaker in a case involving whether federal legislation preempted Ohio state dealer laws.

Won a 10th Circuit appeal for a leading U.S. railroad operator defending a district court order that dismissed a third-party intervenor's claims against WTO's client based on lack of standing to enforce an EPA consent decree.

Won an "extraordinary remedy" from the Colorado Supreme Court reversing a trial-court order implying a waiver of the attorney-client privilege. The unanimous



“[One of the firms] corporate counsel are turning to for their most pressing litigation needs.”

— BTI Consulting Litigation Outlook 2019

opinion establishes that the mere “fact that privileged information might become relevant in a given lawsuit could not alone be enough to establish an implied waiver.”

Drafted and filed an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court, in support of Sidley Austin and the Northwestern Supreme Court Clinic, in a matter addressing what constitutes effective assistance of counsel and which involved immigration issues with dire consequences for the petitioner.

Authored an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in support of a national legal defense organization pursuing certiorari in a case involving the constitutionality of a state bail bond statute.

Briefed and argued to the Colorado Supreme Court the question of whether insurance appraisers owe the same duty of impartiality as arbitrators. Opinion pending.

Authored an amicus brief for a professional association to the Colorado Supreme Court in a case involving the test for when the presence of a third party waives the attorney-client privilege. **The Court adopted WTO’s client’s position and for the first time spelled out that waiver is determined by an objective standard** and not on the subjective belief of the attorney or the client.

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PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

Defending a national law firm against \$500M claims of aiding and abetting.

Won a four-week trial for a physician facing \$70M in damages claims arising from allegations that WTO's client and others failed to timely diagnose and treat bacterial meningitis in a minor. Seven codefendants settled.

Following opening arguments, **negotiated favorable settlement of a \$50M medical malpractice lawsuit** in Iowa.

Won a defense verdict against \$27M malpractice and negligence claims in federal court for a hospital and its staff in a case involving a subdural empyema.

Won a defense jury verdict in Oregon for an obstetrician facing \$9M claims at trial involving shoulder dystocia.

Won an arbitration for a lawyer and law firm against \$3M malpractice claims related to a real estate deal.

Won summary judgment for a national legal malpractice carrier in a matter of first impression in Wyoming district court. As the prevailing party, WTO obtained attorneys' fees and costs for its client.

Above: Brett Mull, Tommy Olsen
Below: Erik Nadolink, Tamera Westerberg

REPRESENTATIONS

SERVICE

THAT RAISES EXPECTATIONS

INSURANCE

Won complete affirmance in the 10th Circuit of landmark rulings governing insurance appraisals. In two published opinions, the court affirmed trial court rulings vacating an eight-figure appraisal award against the client, disqualifying for bias a national policyholder appraiser, and sanctioning the policyholder and its lawyers for misconduct in connection with the appraisal.

Won a published 10th Circuit opinion for a major national insurer clarifying that a one-year time limit on medical payments coverage is permitted under Colorado law. The opinion also resolved a separate class action WTO had been defending, in which the Colorado Supreme Court declined to answer questions certified by the District of Colorado.

Argued and won a \$1.5M fee award as liaison counsel in a massive putative class action involving conspiracy claims against more than 100 insurers operating in Colorado.

Won a federal jury verdict in a trial for an insurer pursuing counterclaims against a homeowners association that filed an inflated insurance claim and sought more than \$5M in total damages. The court entered judgment for the client for the full amount that had been paid in benefits, plus interest and costs.

Won a defense verdict for a major insurer in a bad faith jury trial in which the plaintiff claimed WTO's client must pay for a special run of 50,000 bricks in order to repair one wall of the plaintiff's home.

Won reversal of a \$3M property appraisal award and disqualification of the plaintiff's national property appraiser as well as the umpire on grounds that they were not impartial and failed to disclose directly relevant financial incentives and relationships.

Won a motion to dismiss with prejudice a putative class action brought against a Fortune 50 insurance company. The court ruled that the client's standard form accurately described the nature of underinsured-motorist insurance coverage and could not support any claim against the client as a matter of law.

“When you get the sort of extra thinking out of a firm that WTO provides, it builds confidence and trust in the firm.”

— General Counsel of a Publicly Traded Multinational Corporation

EMPLOYMENT

Defeated FLSA class certification and won summary judgment against other claims for a Fortune 50 employer in a case that covered the entire state of Colorado.

Won a defense jury verdict in federal court for a Fortune 500 telecommunications client facing age discrimination and retaliation claims.

Successfully defended a major international airline in a federal lawsuit involving discrimination claims filed by a disabled veteran using a service animal during a flight.

Won 10th Circuit affirmance for a college of a trial court's dismissal of whistleblower claims under the Federal False Claims Act. The appeal arose from claims that WTO had defeated in a prior federal jury trial brought by the EEOC.

Negotiated six-figure settlements for an employer in two California wage and hour class actions, while in a

virtually identical case the California Supreme Court affirmed summary judgment against an employer for more than \$90M.

Successfully defended a large insurance company against a \$25M FINRA arbitration demand brought by a former director. WTO's client settled the claim without any payment by our client.

Successfully represented a national accounting firm facing age discrimination claims brought by a partner claiming he was entitled to Title VII protection as an employee. Such claims are sweeping the services industries and catching professional partnerships off guard.

Defending several clients in federal lawsuits asserting claims under the Defend Trade Secrets Act, which involves risks of potential property seizure and treble damages under the new rules.

CATASTROPHIC TORTS

Defending a major manufacturer against environmental and property damage claims involving underground storage tanks that had been removed and remediated from a manufacturing facility decades ago. **Three WTO lawyers conducted 95 depositions in eight weeks, and won dismissal of another 30+ plaintiffs, to position the case for trial.**

Won a defense verdict in a highly public, multi-week jury trial alleging a wrongful death claim against a recreation industry client following the tragic death of a minor.

Representing a major utility against litigation involving hundreds of millions of dollars in alleged damages arising out of stray voltage claims.

Obtained dismissal with prejudice of claims that WTO's client's home medical equipment allegedly caused a fire that killed three people and destroyed an apartment building. **Negotiated extremely favorable**

“A true partner in developing legal strategies that not only defend our company but also complement our corporate strategy and objectives.”

– Client comment to *Chambers USA 2018*

settlement after neutralizing plaintiffs' expert on issues of duty and causation.

Defending a global manufacturer of construction equipment in all product liability and personal injury litigation in the U.S.

Serving as national coordinating counsel to more than 10,000 simultaneous, active, asbestos exposure lawsuits.

PRO BONO

Collaborating with the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network to represent asylum seekers fleeing severe domestic abuse or family-related gang violence in their home countries.

Appointed pro bono counsel by the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals for an Oklahoma prisoner in a matter involving parole guidelines.

Appointed pro bono counsel by the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in a prisoner's rights case involving claims for unconstitutional conditions of confinement.

Appointed pro bono counsel by the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado in a prisoner's rights case involving a claim of retaliation for exercise of a First Amendment right.



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PUBLIC SERVICE

Numerous WTO lawyers serve on boards of directors of legal and civic organizations or otherwise contribute their time and talents to the community.

“I like helping underdogs, kids who have the odds stacked against them but are determined to be more than their circumstances. That’s inspiring.”

– Katie Reilly, WTO Partner
& Management Committee Member

Right: Chuan “CiCi” Cheng



WTO attorneys volunteered with numerous civic organizations in 2018.

Nora Ali Vice Chair, Family Promise of Greater Denver; Next Generation Committee Member, Family Promise (National); The Gathering Place Board of Directors; Associates' Campaign Representative, Legal Aid Foundation; Regional Representative, Cornell Black Lawyers Alumni Network

Anthony Barbe Colorado Bar Association Board of Governors Denver Bar Association Representative

CiCi Cheng Co-President, Colorado Pledge to Diversity Executive Committee

Michele Choe Secretary, Colorado Defense Lawyers Association

Clarissa Collier CBA Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates Litigation Section; Vice-Chair, Ray of Hope Cancer Foundation Board of Directors; Legal Aid Foundation Board of Trustees

Julian Ellis Historical Society of the Tenth Judicial Circuit Board of Directors

Emma Garrison Sr. Vice President, Colorado Bar Association

Hugh Gottschalk Chair, American College of Trial Lawyers Colorado State Committee

LaMar Jost Inaugural Program Chair, SOLACE (Support of Lawyers/ Legal Personnel – All Concern Encouraged) Colorado Chapter

Cedric Logan Secretary, Purple Door Coffee Board of Directors

Laura McNabb Colorado Water Trust Board of Directors

Craig May Catalyst Advisory Group to the Public Education Business Coalition

Andrew H. Myers President, Colorado Civil Justice League Board of Directors

Joel Neckers Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Board Member, Executive Committee Member, Resource Development & Marketing Committee Chair

Michael O'Donnell Secretary, American College of Trial Lawyers (the first Officer from Colorado); Denver Police Foundation Board

Brian Osterman Denver Health Foundation Next Generation Giving Leadership Board

Jennifer Parker Legal Aid Foundation Board of Trustees; LAF Associates' Advisory Board; Co-Chair, LAF Associates' Campaign

Kathryn Reilly Chair, Denver Kids Inc. Board of Directors

Jacob Rey Sun Valley Youth Center Board of Directors

William Scarpato Co-Founder, Civil Justice Institute Young Professionals' Committee; Volunteer Judge, Denver East High School Constitutional Law Program

John Vaught President, Colorado Bar Association

Malcolm Wheeler and **Evan Stephenson** American Law Institute Restatement of the Law: Liability Insurance—offered extensive amendments to two sections of the restatement, which was eight years in the making, to guard against collusion, moral hazard, and unreasonable settlements. ALI reporters and members approved the amendments without opposition.

Michael Williams St. Mary's Academy Board of Trustees

Gwen Young ACLU of Colorado Legal Panel; ACLU Board of Directors Nominating Committee; Women's Bean Project Board of Directors

RECOGNITIONS



THE AMERICAN LAWYER Finalist, National Boutique/Specialty Litigation Department of the Year. WTO 1 of only 7 finalists nationwide.



VAULT 2018 Nationwide Top 10 Best Midsize Law Firm to Work For based on associate surveys. This was the second time in three years WTO appeared in the Top 10 nationally.



BTI CONSULTING "Standout"—Class Actions and Product Liability. 22 firms in the U.S. were listed for Class Actions, and 6 for Product Liability.

BTI also named Michael O'Donnell and Kathryn Reilly to its 2019 Client Service All-Stars.



THE DENVER BUSINESS JOURNAL

#1 Best Place to Work in Denver, extra-large company category. This was WTO's fourth time at #1, the fourth straight year in the Top 3, and the 12th year in the Top 10.



CHAMBERS USA 2018 Nationwide Product Liability & Mass Torts Defense – Band 2. Five WTO Notable Practitioners—tied for most in the U.S. in this practice area.

Colorado General Commercial Litigation – Band 1. Eight WTO lawyers ranked in this area—twice as many as the next closest firm.

Colorado Labor & Employment Litigation – Band 3. WTO partner **Raymond Martin** ranked in Band 1 for the ninth consecutive year.



COLORADO SUPER LAWYERS selected 45 WTO attorneys to its 2019 lists. 27 WTO lawyers made the Super Lawyers list. 11 are in the Top 100. 18 WTO attorneys are listed as Rising Stars. Top 50 Women: **Carolyn Fairless**, **Tamera Westerberg**; Top 10: **Hugh Gottschalk**; and **Michael O'Donnell** is ranked **#1 in Colorado for the seventh consecutive year** based on input from clients and peers.



BENCHMARK LITIGATION 2018 Colorado Firm of the Year. 19 WTO attorneys listed—no other firm has more than six attorneys ranked.

40 & Under Hot List: Seven WTO attorneys included.



THE LEGAL 500 US 2018 Nationwide Product Liability, Mass Tort & Class Actions involving Automotive/Transport, Consumer Products, Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices, and Toxic Torts.

AWARDS



U.S. NEWS – BEST LAW FIRMS

Tier 1 in Colorado in 13 practice areas.



BEST LAWYERS listed 27 WTO partners in 2019.

Three named Lawyers of the Year: **John Fitzpatrick**, **Kevin Kuhn**, and **Michael O'Donnell**.

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS inducted **Carolyn Fairless** as a Fellow, bringing to 9 the number of WTO attorneys in the College.

THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION named **CiCi Cheng** to its National Top 40 “On the Rise” list.

LAW WEEK COLORADO 2018 Barrister’s Best: **Carolyn Fairless**, Barrister’s Best Civil Litigator; **Kevin Kuhn**, People’s Choice Best Medical Malpractice Lawyer for Defendants; **Kathryn Reilly**, People’s Choice Best Antitrust Lawyer; and **Michael Williams**, People’s Choice Best Class Action/ Mass Tort Lawyer for Defendants. 2018 Top Litigators: **Carolyn Fairless**. 2019 Top Litigators: **Terence Ridley**.

5280 MAGAZINE Top Lawyers 2019: **Kevin Kuhn**, **Dean Neuwirth**, **Michael O'Donnell**, **Terence Ridley**.



Above: Natalie West, Jared Drotzmann, Nora Ali
Below: Kayla Scroggins, Steven Kelso

Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell FOUNDATION

The WTO Foundation (WTOF) was established in 2005 to provide, through charitable activities and programs, opportunities for current and former WTO lawyers, staff, and their families and friends to build a caring community and reach out to others. Since 2005, the Foundation has donated more than \$1.85M and thousands of volunteer hours to hundreds of nonprofits.

COMMUNITY

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

On average, 85% of WTO personnel donate time or money to benefit WTOF partner organizations each year.

Denver Dumb Friends League rescues, shelters, and adopts out injured, abused, and neglected animals. WTOF volunteers raised \$8,323 through multiple fundraisers and walked with family, friends, and pets as a team in the Furry Scurry.

Denver Public Schools Foundation champions public education to help every child succeed. WTOF partnered with a Denver public elementary school to tutor first graders in reading.

Denver Kids Inc. offers one-to-one counseling and mentoring to help at-risk K-12 Denver Public Schools students graduate high school.

The Gathering Place is Denver's only daytime shelter for women, children, and transgender individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty. WTOF volunteers partnered with WTO client Ford Motor Co. to cook and serve hot breakfasts to more than 100 Gathering Place clients.

Colorado Gives Day was created in 2010 to encourage donors to "give where they live" and increase philanthropy through online giving.

Legal Aid Foundation of Colorado funds equal access to justice for low-income Coloradans facing civil legal problems. 100% of WTO's associates and staff counsel donated, contributing \$6,997 to the annual citywide law firm associates' campaign.

Capitol Hill Community Services provides reliable, healthy meals to the homeless and poor in the Denver community. WTO staff served lunch at Trinity Church several times during the year.

Children's Hospital Colorado uses 8,000 units of blood each year. 24 WTO employees donated enough blood to help 120 children.

Metro Caring operates one of the largest food pantries in Denver. WTO personnel donated \$4,075 to benefit Metro Caring in the Denver Bar Association's "Roll Out the Barrels" food drive.

Karis Community is a transitional community for restoring basic life skills of individuals recovering from serious mental illness. WTOF volunteers assisted the Karis event team at its annual fundraiser.

GIVING
BACK

“A firm can’t be a first-rate institution without looking out for its community, too.”

– Michael O’Donnell, Founder
Wheeler Trigg O’Donnell Foundation



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