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EDUCATION

University of Colorado Law School,
J.D., 2011

Texas Christian University, B.A.,
2008, Philosophy; Minor, Spanish
and Latin American Studies

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk to The Honorable Brian
D. Boatright, Colorado Supreme
Court

Law Clerk to The Honorable Patrick
D. Butler, 20th Judicial District of
Colorado

Law Clerk to The Honorable Lael E.
Montgomery, 20th Judicial District
of Colorado

ADMISSIONS

Colorado
New Mexico

Jenny Parker represents companies and individuals in complex, high-stakes disputes, with a focus on defending health care professionals and institutions. Her clients include national health care systems and hospitals, as well as physicians and nurses. Jenny's strategic judgment, efficiency, and persuasive motion practice position cases for outcomes aligned with her clients' goals, whether through dispositive rulings, negotiated resolutions, or trial.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Won a rare pretrial victory in New Mexico state court—complete, case-ending summary judgment in favor of a hospital client in a medical malpractice case—one month before trial.
- Partnered with Colorado Legal Services to assist domestic violence survivors seeking protection orders.
- Secured a civil rights settlement in a pro bono case for a child with autism.
- Achieved complete dismissal with prejudice and no money paid for an optometrist in a medical malpractice case after the close of discovery.
- Negotiated complete dismissal with prejudice and no money paid for a hospital and a nurse in a medical malpractice case just weeks before trial.
- Achieved a highly favorable settlement for an incarcerated *pro bono* client who had sued the Colorado Department of Corrections in federal court for First Amendment retaliation.
- Won a defense verdict in Philadelphia the week of Christmas against allegations that a missed diagnosis led to a patient's leg amputation.

INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Products & Services
- Healthcare
- Medical Devices & Pharmaceuticals
- Professional Services

PRACTICE AREAS

- Catastrophic Injury Defense
- Healthcare Professional Liability
- Product Liability
- Pro Bono
- Commercial Litigation

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BIOGRAPHY

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Jenny has extensive experience defending medical malpractice matters in New Mexico, where she has devoted the majority of her practice for more than a decade. She also brings particular expertise to pre-suit investigations, partnering with clients at the earliest stages of potential disputes to evaluate exposure, identify risks, and develop proactive defense strategies, often influencing outcomes before a complaint is ever filed.

Jenny earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Colorado Law School. Prior to joining Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell in 2013, she clerked at both the trial and appellate levels, including for the Honorable Brian D. Boatright of the Colorado Supreme Court.

CASES

Healthcare Professional Liability

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- Negotiated complete dismissal with prejudice and no money paid for a hospital and a nurse in a medical malpractice case just weeks before trial.
- Won a defense verdict in Philadelphia, during the week of Christmas, for a hospital and its physician assistant who diagnosed muscle strain when in fact the plaintiff had an infection that resulted in the amputation of her leg. The jury agreed with WTO's arguments that, given the circumstances, the original diagnosis was reasonable.
- Drafted the briefing that resulted in complete dismissal with prejudice of WTO's client, a home healthcare facility, from a medical malpractice case.
- Represented a medical facility in a case involving allegations of negligence and unlicensed practice of medicine. WTO achieved a nuisance value settlement.
- Defended a hospital in a medical malpractice case involving infective endocarditis. WTO secured a settlement that involved no affirmative payment of money by our client.

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Commercial Litigation

- Won summary judgment on multiple claims for a national dermatology practice with over 50 offices. Claims included breach of contract, conspiracy, and fraud. Once the major claims were dismissed, the plaintiffs agreed to a nuisance settlement that involved no payment by WTO's client.
- Defended an indoor trampoline facility in a premises liability case involving an alleged traumatic brain injury and millions of dollars in claimed damages. The case settled favorably for WTO's client a few weeks before trial.
- Secured voluntary dismissal, without any payment by WTO's client, in a personal injury lawsuit brought by aggressive plaintiffs' attorneys. The case involved a plaintiff who was struck by a race car traveling 80 mph as she attempted to photograph the vehicle.

Pro Bono

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BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Colorado

New Mexico

U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit

U.S. District Court, D. Colorado

U.S. District Court, D. New Mexico

LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Defense Research Institute

Colorado Bar Association

Colorado Defense Lawyers Association

Colorado Women's Bar Association

Faculty of Federal Advocates

Legal Aid Foundation

Board of Trustees, 2021-present

Associates' Campaign Co-Chair, 2017-2019

Associate Advisory Board, 2015-2019

Associates' Campaign Representative, 2015-2018

New Mexico Defense Lawyers Association

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ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

Presentations

- Co-presenter, "Mitigating the Risk of Nuclear Verdicts," COPIC's annual Patient Safety Risk Management Forum (October 23, 2023).
- Panelist, "Women in Law Day," Boulder, Colorado (April 2, 2022).
- "Bridging the Generational Gap in the Legal Field," Panelist at Colorado Defense Lawyer Association, Santa Fe, New Mexico (July 29, 2017).
- "WILLS - Finding Bliss In The Future Of Legal Service & Practice," (September 16, 2015).
- Presenter, "Judicial Clerkship Alumni Panel," University of Colorado Law School (September 10, 2014).

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Spending time with her husband and two daughters