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EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 2011, *cum laude*

University of Chicago, A.B., 2007, with honors

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk to The Honorable Richard P. Matsch of the United States District Court for the District of Colorado

Office of U.S. Senator Ken Salazar

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Faegre Baker Daniels LLP

ADMISSIONS

Colorado

HIGHLIGHTS

- Substantially prevailed at trial for a national franchisor in a more than \$50 million case brought by franchisees alleging numerous express and implied breaches of the franchise agreements and seeking related declaratory judgments.
- Defended the Colorado arm of the second-largest home building company in the U.S., together with executives and employees, against alleged violations of the Colorado Securities Act.
- Won a jury verdict in a Los Angeles commercial trial involving the bitter business divorce between owners of a prominent private equity firm.
- Successfully represented a national franchisor in bringing business tort and contract claims against competitor and franchisees arising out of competitor's attempts to poach franchisees.
- Acted as lead trial counsel in a lease dispute lawsuit and prevailed on claims against our client and their counterclaims.
- Successfully defended a leading technology distributor against claims of civil conspiracy and trade secret misappropriation brought by former competitors, who sought tens of millions of dollars in damages. Following full discovery and a Daubert hearing, plaintiffs dismissed all claims on the eve of trial without any settlement or payment from WTO's client.
- 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. Successfully defended the appeal.

INDUSTRIES

- Franchising
- Financial Services
- Oil & Gas
- Telecommunications

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Antitrust & Competition
- Appellate
- Securities Litigation & Enforcement Defense

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BIOGRAPHY

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CASES

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- Successfully represented two asylum applicants on a pro bono basis in federal immigration court. Their asylum applications were granted following an evidentiary merits hearing.
- Represented the City of Aurora in a Rule 106 action against the City of Greenwood Village involving an intergovernmental agreement between the cities under which Greenwood Village transferred development authority of a real estate parcel to Aurora.

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- Won summary judgment for a leading ski resort operator in a ski lift injury case.
- Represented Denver International Airport in high-profile claims involving alleged bid rigging and unfair competition relating to a \$50 million terminal concessions contract.
- Won reversal of summary judgment against our client, a real estate developer, in a dispute over a reciprocal easement, the outcome of which had a multimillion-dollar effect on the value of the property. The case was remanded to district court with orders to hear evidence at trial.
- Obtained summary judgment for a commercial lender resulting in an award of more than \$2.5 million, including interest and legal fees, relating to an LLC's default on a condominium development loan.
- Won dismissal of two legal malpractice lawsuits against a prominent law firm and successfully defended appeals.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Colorado

LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- Colorado Super Lawyers
 - Rising Stars, Business Litigation, 2018-2024
 - The Best Lawyers in America
 - Ones to Watch - Commercial Litigation, 2021-2025
 - Ones to Watch - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, 2022-2025

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, "Recreation Litigation: Colorado," CDLA webinar, (July 16, 2018).