



## TOMMY OLSEN

### Partner

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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

### OTHER EXPERIENCE

Faegre Baker Daniels LLP

### ADMISSIONS

Colorado

### HIGHLIGHTS

- 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 bitter Los Angeles commercial trial.
- Won three critical summary judgment and *Daubert* rulings for a major law firm and three lawyers in a legal malpractice case, precluding damages claims in excess of \$10M from proceeding to trial and materially lowering the clients' risk going forward.
- 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.
- 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.

### INDUSTRIES

- Telecommunications
- Professional Services

### PRACTICE AREAS

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

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## BIOGRAPHY

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Before joining WTO, Tommy served a judicial clerkship in the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado, and also worked in various roles for U.S. Senator Ken Salazar.

## CASES

- 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, among other claims—obtained dismissal of all claims against nine out of 10 defendants, paving the way for a favorable settlement.
- Won a jury verdict in a \$12 million commercial dispute involving breach of fiduciary duty, corporate waste, and embezzlement claims in a two-week trial in Los Angeles Superior Court. WTO won dismissal of the corporate waste claim before the jury began deliberations, and the jury found that WTO's client did not embezzle money.
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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.

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- 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.
- Successfully represented two asylum applicants on a *pro bono* basis in federal immigration court. Their asylum applications were granted following an evidentiary merits hearing.

## 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, 2021-2024

Ones to Watch - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, 2022-2024

## ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

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