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Of Counsel

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Shawn Neal defends healthcare clients in high-stakes medical malpractice cases. She has successfully represented hospitals and healthcare professionals in high-exposure pediatric cases—including birth injury cases—in challenging jurisdictions. She has taken five trials to verdict. Shawn is listed in The Best Lawyers in America "Ones to Watch" for Commercial Litigation and in Colorado Rising Stars for Civil Litigation Defense.

EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., 2014, Order of St. Ives, *Denver University Law Review*, Senior Articles Editor

Northwestern University, B.S., 2003, Theatre and Communications

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk to The Honorable John R. Webb, Colorado Court of Appeals

Judicial Intern to The Honorable William W. Hood, III, Colorado Supreme Court

Judicial Intern to The Honorable Charles M. Pratt, 18th Judicial District

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Youth Development Supervisor for the City of Aurora, Colorado
No Child Left Behind Specialist, University of South Florida
Hillsborough County Schools, Elementary Teacher

ADMISSIONS

Colorado
New Mexico

HIGHLIGHTS

- Represented numerous New Mexico hospital systems in dozens of medical malpractice cases.
- Serving as national counsel to a medical device manufacturer in product liability lawsuits.
- Won dismissal on summary judgment for a healthcare client in a birth injury case in New Mexico.
- Won a unanimous defense jury verdict for Michelin North America in a \$66 million product liability trial in South Carolina.
- Representing a Fortune 200 consumer product manufacturer in a commercial dispute.
- Won dismissal for Skyjack in Pennsylvania District Court in a product liability matter involving alleged injury on a scissor lift. The case was dismissed on the basis of lack of personal jurisdiction.
- Representing a leading telecommunications company in commercial litigation matters.

INDUSTRIES

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

PRACTICE AREAS

- Healthcare Professional Liability
- Product Liability
- Commercial Litigation

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BIOGRAPHY

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Shawn's catastrophic injury experience extends to product liability, and she also represents clients in complex commercial disputes. She has defended clients in medical malpractice cases in challenging jurisdictions. She has represented clients in New Mexico, and her experience spans the country, from Georgia to Illinois and Oklahoma.

She has represented clients at the trial and appellate levels. Shawn brings strong experience examining witnesses at trial, arguing dispositive motions, serving as lead counsel, and taking and defending depositions.

CASES

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- Won dismissal on summary judgment for a healthcare client in a birth injury case in New Mexico. The case was dismissed for plaintiff's failure to prove causation.
- Won a unanimous defense jury verdict for Michelin North America in a \$66 million product liability trial in South Carolina. The plaintiffs claimed that an allegedly defective Michelin motorcycle tire caused an accident resulting in catastrophic injuries.
- Representing a Fortune 200 consumer product manufacturer in a commercial dispute.
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- Won an arbitration award for a lawyer and law firm against malpractice claims related to a 2014 real estate deal. Claimants asserted damages of \$3 million plus interest. The arbiter ruled for WTO's client and found that no malpractice occurred.

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- Served on a trial team for an investment company in a breach of contract dispute.
- Serve as lead counsel to an automobile manufacturer in a personal injury matter.
- Represent Skyjack Inc. as national trial counsel in product liability cases involving aerial lift and boom equipment.
- Representing the manufacturer of a medical device as national trial counsel in product liability cases.
- Represented Isuzu in a seven-day jury trial in federal court involving a dealer's claim for wrongful termination, declaratory judgment, breach of contract, and claims of violations under South Dakota statute regarding warranty reimbursement and parts mark-up rates.
- Served as lead counsel to beverage distributor in a personal injury matter.
- Defended a natural gas gathering company in a five-day bench trial in federal court involving a breach of contract dispute against a natural gas production company.
- Defended a large utility company in a wrongful death suit in which the plaintiffs alleged almost \$3.5 million in damages. Minutes before the summary judgment hearing, and less than two weeks before trial, the plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed WTO's client from the lawsuit.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Colorado
New Mexico

LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- The Best Lawyers in America
 - Ones to Watch - Appellate Practice, 2022-2025
 - Ones to Watch - Commercial Litigation, 2021-2025
- Colorado Super Lawyers
 - Rising Stars, Civil Litigation Defense, 2020-2024
- Defense Research Institute, Member
- Doyle Inn of Court, Member
- Colorado Bar Association, Member
- Colorado Women's Bar Association, Member

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Running, Professional Association of Dive Instructors Certified Divemaster