



## JOHN M. SANDBERG

### Associate

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**John Sandberg represents clients in complex professional liability and commercial disputes in jurisdictions throughout the country. A valuable courtroom advocate, John gained significant civil trial experience in just his first few years of practice, serving as second-chair for the defense in several high-exposure trials involving multi-million dollar damage claims. John has delivered opening statements, examined and cross-examined key witnesses, and argued critical motions and jury instructions. Well-versed in medical malpractice litigation, John regularly defends medical providers, hospitals, and healthcare institutions in civil proceedings, and he has also represented individuals before administrative licensing boards.**

### EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., 2017

University of Notre Dame, B.A., 2014, Political Science

### GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Judicial Intern to The Honorable Gilbert M. Román of the Colorado Court of Appeals

### OTHER EXPERIENCE

Messner Reeves LLP

### ADMISSIONS

Colorado

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Won a defense jury verdict for a Montana hospital in a birth case.
- Won a pro bono parental responsibility dispute in the Colorado Court of Appeals.
- Served as second-chair for the defense in a complex medical malpractice trial with more than \$100 million in claimed damages. John cross-examined the plaintiff and performed direct and cross-examinations of all damages experts. Prior to trial, John argued motions for summary judgment on behalf of the firm's clients, as well as Daubert and other pre-trial evidentiary motions.
- Co-authored a winning appellate answer brief for a financial services company in a forcible entry and detainer proceeding.
- Successfully represented a private couple as lead counsel in a bench trial involving trespass and property damage claims resulting in thousands of dollars in destroyed personal property.
- Represented a medical device retailer as second chair in a medical malpractice trial in Colorado involving allegations of malpractice during a cosmetic facial laser procedure. Delivered opening statements and cross-examined the plaintiff's primary medical expert.
- Won motion to dismiss legal malpractice claims brought against a Colorado criminal defense attorney. Drafted the motion and supporting briefs and secured dismissal before incurring any discovery fees, just months after the case was filed.

### INDUSTRIES

- Healthcare
- Consumer Products & Services
- Professional Services

### PRACTICE AREAS

- Healthcare Professional Liability
- Catastrophic Injury Defense
- Commercial Litigation

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- Appellate

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## BIOGRAPHY

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In addition to his trial practice, John brings strong appellate experience, having briefed, argued, and won cases before the Colorado Court of Appeals, including a recent pro bono victory in which he successfully argued for the reversal and remand of a trial court's ruling in a parental responsibility dispute.

Prior to joining WTO, John worked in the Denver office of a regional law firm, where he gained early courtroom experience, drafted significant motions and pleadings, led discovery, and took depositions. John also previously served as a judicial intern to the Honorable Gilbert M. Román at the Colorado Court of Appeals.

## CASES

- Won a defense verdict for a hospital following an eight-day jury trial in Missoula, Montana.
- Won a pro bono victory in the Colorado Court of Appeals for a mother fighting to maintain her relationship with her son after the child's father suddenly attempted to relocate with him out of state.
- Served as second-chair for the defense in a complex medical malpractice trial with more than \$100 million in claimed damages. John cross-examined the plaintiff and performed direct and cross-examinations of all damages experts. Prior to trial, John argued motions for summary judgment on behalf of the firm's clients, as well as Daubert and other pre-trial evidentiary motions.
- Represented an energy services company as second chair in a multimillion dollar personal injury trial involving claims of disability and permanent impairment following a workplace injury. Cross-examined the plaintiff's medical experts, conducted direct examination of a corporate representative, and argued for the client during the jury instruction conference.

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## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Colorado  
U.S. District Court, D. New Mexico

## LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- Colorado Super Lawyers  
Rising Stars, Medical Malpractice: Defense, 2024-2025  
Colorado Bar Association  
Colorado Defense Lawyers Association  
Defense Research Institute  
William E. Doyle Inn of Court  
Notre Dame Lawyers Committee  
Catholic Lawyers Guild of Colorado  
Federalist Society

## PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Running, American history and the presidents, the Chicago Cubs.