



## COLLEEN M. KOCH

### Associate

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### EDUCATION

University of Colorado Law School,  
J.D. 2017, Order of the Coif,  
Managing Editor, Colorado Law  
Review

Ohio State University, M.Ed., 2008,  
Secondary Integrated Language  
Arts, *summa cum laude*

Ohio State University, B.A., 2007,  
English, *summa cum laude*

### OTHER EXPERIENCE

Hutchinson Black and Cook, LLC

### ADMISSIONS

Colorado

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Won a jury defense verdict in a medical malpractice case alleging a medication for kidney stones caused a severe skin reaction, Steven-Johnson Syndrome, resulting in catastrophic injuries and damages.
- Won a birth injury case for a hospital in New Mexico after plaintiffs sought more than \$40 million damages. WTO and co-counsel proved, through discovery, the minor plaintiff could not have been injured during labor or delivery, prompting plaintiffs' counsel to voluntarily dismiss the case.
- Won a pro a bono victory in a First Amendment rights case with national attention.
- Served on a winning trial team for a three-day trial regarding issues of adverse possession and boundary by acquiescence.
- Served on a winning trial team for an eight-day trial regarding issues of adverse possession and prescriptive easements.
- Won an appeal regarding the construction of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act.
- Won summary judgment on issues regarding federal preemption of personal injury claims by federal railroad statutes.

### INDUSTRIES

- Healthcare
- Real Estate
- Professional Services
- Energy

### PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Healthcare Professional Liability
- Appellate

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## BIOGRAPHY

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Prior to joining WTO, Colleen was a litigation associate at a full-service firm in Boulder. Before attending law school, Colleen dedicated six years to a career in secondary education, teaching middle and high school English and language arts.

## CASES

- Won a jury defense verdict in a medical malpractice case alleging a medication for kidney stones caused a severe skin reaction, Steven-Johnson Syndrome, resulting in catastrophic injuries and damages.
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- Won a pro bono victory lifting the unconstitutional banishment of a former Woodland Park School District employee from school board meetings and other property. The case restored our client's First Amendment rights and earned national media coverage.
- Representing a New Mexico hospital in a high-stakes malpractice case.
- Representing a Colorado oil and gas company in a high-value commercial dispute regarding well rights.
- Won summary judgment concerning limitation of remedies in a commercial contract dispute in Colorado federal court.
- Successfully argued and won an opposition to a motion to stay in a federal civil rights case.
- Won summary judgment on issues regarding federal preemption of personal injury claims by federal railroad statutes.
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- Served on a winning trial team for a three-day trial regarding issues of adverse possession and boundary by acquiescence.
- Won summary judgment in a Title IX case in Iowa federal court.

## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Colorado
  - U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit
  - U.S. District Court, D. Colorado
  - U.S. District Court, D. New Mexico

## LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- Colorado Super Lawyers
  - "Rising Star" - Professional Liability: Defense, 2025
  - "Rising Star" - Business Litigation, 2026

## COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- Fairview High School Mock Trial Team
  - Attorney Coach, November 2021–Present
- Boulder County Bar Association Civil Litigation Section
  - Co-Chair, September 2019–April 2022

## ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

### Articles

- Co-Author, "Giving Davis its Due: Why the Tenth Circuit Has the Winning Approach in Title IX's Deliberate Indifference Controversy," 98 Denv. L. Rev. 307, (Winter 2021).
- "Attorneys, Clients, and Necessary Third Parties: The Attorney-Client Privilege after Fox v. Alfini," Boulder County Bar Association Newsletter, (November 2019).
- "To Catch a Catfish: A Statutory Solution for Victims of Online Impersonation," 88 U. Colo. L. Rev. 233, (Winter 2017).

## PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Cycling, reading, spending time with family