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EDUCATION

University of Colorado Law School, J.D., 2022; Order of the Coif; Order of Barristers; Dean's List

Bates College, B.A., 2015, English; Dean's List; English Department Honors Program

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk for the Honorable Brian D. Boatright, Colorado Supreme Court

Judicial Extern for the Honorable Brian D. Boatright, Colorado Supreme Court

Summer Intern, Civil Litigation Section, Denver City Attorney's Office

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell, Summer Law Clerk

ADMISSIONS

Colorado

HIGHLIGHTS

- Won summary judgment dismissal of legal malpractice claims filed in Oklahoma state court seeking tens of millions of dollars from an AmLaw 100 law firm.
- Argued and won a directed verdict to dispose of a \$40 million punitive damages claim in an admitted liability case where we represented a hospital. WTO successfully positioned the damages case for a verdict that was less than a tenth of the plaintiff's opening demand to the jury.
- Successfully excluded testimony by experts who improperly sought to bolster plaintiff's prior statements, in trial where we represented a hospital facing 8-figure exposure.
- Represented a civil rights organization in certiorari and merits-stage briefing before the U.S. Supreme Court in a Fourth Amendment case with national implications.
- Successfully excluded expert testimony in trial where we represented a hospital in a case involving a physician accused of sexual abuse.
- Representing an acute children's hospital in consolidated case from 40 plaintiffs involving criminal conduct allegations against a physician.
- Conducted investigation into patient suicide and achieved favorable pre-litigation settlement of high-exposure claims.

INDUSTRIES

- Healthcare
- Legal Services
- Professional Services

PRACTICE AREAS

- Professional Liability
- Healthcare Professional Liability
- Legal Professional Liability
- Catastrophic Injury Defense
- Appellate
- Commercial Litigation

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BIOGRAPHY

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Before joining WTO, Nick served as a law clerk and judicial extern to Chief Justice Brian D. Boatright of the Colorado Supreme Court, gaining invaluable experience in appellate litigation. Nick graduated as first in his class from the University of Colorado Law School, and his law school honors included the Order of the Coif, the Order of Barristers, and the Dean's List. He was articles editor of the University of Colorado Law Review, Vol. 93, and a member of the AAJ and All-Star National Challenge Mock Trial teams, the Colorado Law Academic Review and Planning Advisory Committee, and the Dean's Student Advisory Committee on COVID-19. Nick twice earned first place and Best Advocate in the Carrigan Cup Mock Trial. He also served as research assistant to Professor Aya Gruber, and teaching assistant to Professor Amy Griffin and Professor Amy Bauer.

CASES

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- Conducted investigation into claims of patient abuse at a facility closed for fifteen years prior to plaintiff's claims, resulting in favorable pre-suit settlement.
- Drafted a successful "Reptile" motion in a case involving claims against a medical facility, limiting inflammatory and unfair arguments by plaintiff's counsel at trial.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Colorado
U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit
U.S. District Court, D. Colorado
U.S. District Court, D. New Mexico

LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- Colorado Bar Association
Colorado Defense Lawyers Association

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project, University of Colorado,
Volunteer
Colorado Law Review Mentorship Program

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Playing guitar, furniture restoration, gardening, cooking, hiking