



## DANIEL J. DELAY

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### EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., 2018

Ohio Wesleyan University, B.A., 2010, Economics

### GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Judicial Intern to The Honorable David Richman, Colorado Court of Appeals

Investigator, Office of the Colorado State Public Defender

### OTHER EXPERIENCE

Messner Reeves, LLP

### ADMISSIONS

Colorado

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Won summary judgment in a medical malpractice case for a hospital and two physicians in New Mexico on plaintiffs' claims for "ordinary" negligence, negligence per se, breach of contract, and breach of express and implied warranty.
- Served as second chair in an arbitration defending a Fortune 500 client in a Fair Labor Standards Act claim in Kansas City, Kansas.
- Served as second chair in successfully defending an oral surgeon at a jury trial in El Paso County, Colorado, involving a third-molar extraction resulting in infection in which \$800,000 in damages were sought.
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### INDUSTRIES

- Healthcare
- Professional Services

### PRACTICE AREAS

- Healthcare Professional Liability
- Catastrophic Injury Defense

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## BIOGRAPHY

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Daniel previously handled healthcare professional liability matters, along with employment and commercial litigation, as an associate in a national law firm's Denver office. He also brings to his client representation invaluable skills, experience, and perspectives gained from having been a founder and principal of a business providing legal-related and other consulting services, and an Investigator for the Office of the Colorado State Public Defender.

## CASES

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## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

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

## LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- Colorado Defense Lawyers Association  
Colorado Hispanic Bar Association  
Defense Research Institute  
The Best Lawyers in America  
Ones to Watch: Commercial Litigation, 2023-2025  
Ones to Watch: Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants, 2023-2025

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## PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Snowboarding, traveling, and rooting for the Denver Nuggets