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Carolyn Welter represents clients in complex commercial litigation and legal professional liability matters. She represents law firms and businesses in a wide range of disputes and industries, including franchise, real estate, and consumer products and services. She has diverse experience in the courts, state government, and the private and nonprofit sectors. Prior to joining WTO, Carolyn served as a law clerk to Chief Justice Brian D. Boatright of the Colorado Supreme Court. She also served legal internships with the Hon. N. Reid Neureiter and Colorado Governor Jared Polis.

EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., 2022; Order of the Coif; Editor in Chief, *Denver Law Review*

University of Missouri, B.A., B.J., 2016, Political Science and Journalism

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk and Judicial Assistant to The Honorable Brian D. Boatright, Colorado Supreme Court

Legal Intern to The Honorable N. Reid Neureiter, U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

Legal Intern to The Honorable Brian D. Boatright and The Honorable Ann Gail Meinster, Colorado Supreme Court and Colorado First Judicial District

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell, Summer Law Clerk

Office of Governor Jared Polis, Legal Intern

Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center, Legal Intern

ADMISSIONS

Colorado

HIGHLIGHTS

- Following a multiday evidentiary hearing, secured injunctive relief for a franchisor against businesses that were unlawfully competing against it using franchisor's trade secrets, including client information, and infringing on franchisor's trademarks.
- Argued before the Tenth Circuit for an individual seeking withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture.
- Serving as national counsel for a major international company in commercial litigation involving over 180 cases of alleged PCB exposure.
- Defending national law firms against high-stakes claims of legal malpractice and breach of fiduciary duty.
- Won a complete motion to dismiss for a national real estate franchisor in a case brought by a franchisee alleging tortious interference and express and implied breaches of the franchise agreement.
- Won summary judgment on all challenged claims brought against the nation's leading beauty and wellness franchisor, resulting in a favorable settlement to resolve the remaining claims.
- Vacated a default judgment entered against a construction company in a lawsuit brought by a former investor.

INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Products & Services
- Legal Services
- Real Estate
- Construction & Engineering
- Insurance

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Professional Liability
- Franchise & Distribution
- Antitrust & Competition
- Appellate

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BIOGRAPHY

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- Drafted a successful amicus brief to the Colorado Supreme Court addressing Colorado's equal protection guarantee and the rights afforded to criminal defendants.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

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

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LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- Colorado Women's Bar Association
Member
Minoru Yasui American Inn of Court
Programming Committee Member
Denver Law Review Alumni Advisory Board
Co-chair

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- Law School Yes We Can!
Mentor
Planned Parenthood
Volunteer
August 2018–July 2019
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Volunteer, January 2017–July 2019
CASA
Volunteer, January 2014–May 2016

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Long-distance running, Kansas City sports, cooking, local journalism, tennis