EDUCATION

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, J.D., 2021, *cum laude*; Articles Editor, *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*; Coach, Moot Court Society

Northwestern University, B.A., 2016, Economics and Environmental Science

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk to the Honorable Paul J. Kelly, Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

Legal Intern in the Capital Division of the Mississippi State Public Defender's Office

Investigative Analyst in the New York County District Attorney's Office

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Wilkinson Stekloff – Associate

Holland & Hart – Associate

ADMISSIONS

Colorado
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ROBERT J. LAIRD

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HIGHLIGHTS

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- Managed written discovery and document production responses in putative class action on behalf of nationwide energy company.
- First-chaired a full defense verdict following a bench trial on behalf of a mother facing emergency eviction proceedings during the Covid-19 pandemic.
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INDUSTRIES

- Healthcare

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Healthcare Professional Liability

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BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

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PERSONAL INTERESTS

Wilderness backpacking, running, skiing