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Kristen Ferries represents sophisticated clients in complex litigation, particularly in personal injury and product liability matters. Her clients include recreation industry companies, insurance carriers, and automotive manufacturers facing serious claims at the trial and appellate levels.

EDUCATION

Cornell University Law School, J.D., 2017, *magna cum laude*

University of Rochester, B.A., 2014, Financial Economics & Environmental Sustainability, *cum laude*

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk to The Honorable Elizabeth L. Harris of the Colorado Court of Appeals

Intern to The Honorable Jonathan W. Feldman of The United States District Court for the Western District of New York

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Sullivan & Cromwell, Summer Associate

ADMISSIONS

Colorado
New York

HIGHLIGHTS

- Won first-in-nation opinion disqualifying lawyers from suing a former client.
- Representing a leading ski resort in ski safety act and premises liability cases.
- Represented Ford Motor Co. in a design defect product liability trial. Conducted direct and cross examinations of witnesses, argued jury instructions, and drafted numerous trial motions and briefs.
- Representing automotive manufacturers in product liability and design defect cases involving serious accidents and personal injury.
- Representing trustees of investment trusts in a case involving complex and novel issues of banking and lending laws. Managed all aspects of e-discovery and assisted with case strategy.
- Represented Auto Owners Insurance in various bad faith matters. Drafted motions to compel and appellate briefs, and successfully argued discovery disputes.

INDUSTRIES

- Automotive
- Insurance

PRACTICE AREAS

- Product Liability
- Commercial Litigation
- Personal Injury Defense
- Appellate

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BIOGRAPHY

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Kristen has conducted direct and cross-examination of witnesses in trial and argued motions in both state and federal court. She has also gained valuable experience drafting appellate briefs and discovery motions for use in civil litigation, including for insurance bad faith trials and appeals. Kristen maintains an active pro bono practice, representing criminal defendants and prisoners in civil rights trials and appeals.

During law school, Kristen participated as a clinical student in the Cornell Law School Capital Punishment Clinic, working on a federal habeas petition for a death row inmate in South Carolina.

CASES

- *Persichette v. Owners Ins. Co.*, 2020 CO 33 - Won a groundbreaking state supreme court ruling disqualifying a client's former lawyers from participating in a lawsuit against the client. The published opinion is the first state supreme court decision that disqualifies lawyers from pursuing litigation against an insurance-company client they previously represented.
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BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Colorado
Colorado Supreme Court
New York
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

PERSONAL INTERESTS

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