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EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm
College of Law, J.D., 2014,
Denver University Law Review,
Executive Board Articles Editor

University of Denver, 2014,
Masters of Social Work

Colorado College, B.A., 2006,
Philosophy; Minor, Spanish, *cum
laude*

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk to The Honorable
Christine M. Arguello of the U.S.
District Court for the District of
Colorado

Appellate Law Clerk to The
Honorable Terry Fox of the
Colorado Court of Appeals

Judicial Intern to The Honorable
David Furman of the Colorado
Court of Appeals

Judicial Intern to The Honorable
Angela Arkin, 18th Judicial
District (retired)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Fluent Spanish speaker
Civil Litigation Clinic, Student
Attorney
Rocky Mountain Children’s Law
Center
Bilingual Legal and Social
Work Intern
Jefferson County Office of the
Public Defender, Social Work
Intern
Colorado Succeeds, Education
Policy Intern

ADMISSIONS

Colorado

HIGHLIGHTS

- Won favorable defense settlement in a medical malpractice case following the first few days of a jury trial. Handled numerous aspects of trial including witness prep, depositions, and jury instructions.
- Drafted pleadings, dispositive motions, and mediation statements for professional malpractice cases that resulted in favorable settlements for WTO’s clients.
- Prepared a professional witness for a complex deposition involving expansive commercial disputes stemming from several interrelated state and federal lawsuits.
- Settled a breach of contract case on favorable terms, reducing the client’s payment to just 12% of the plaintiff’s original demand.
- Represented an appliance manufacturer in a product liability class action that settled favorably.
- Taken, defended, and participated in over two dozen fact and expert depositions in complex commercial, personal injury, and product liability matters.
- Served as local counsel in several trade secret cases.

INDUSTRIES

- Professional Services
- Healthcare
- Consumer Products & Services

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Product Liability
- Healthcare Professional Liability
- Employment
- Legal Professional Liability
- Appellate

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BIOGRAPHY

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Melissa has also gained valuable experience preparing fact and expert witnesses for trial and taking depositions. Before joining WTO, she worked as a law clerk to The Honorable Christine M. Arguello of the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado and The Honorable Terry Fox of the Colorado Court of Appeals.

Melissa graduated from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law where she received a full-tuition Chancellor's Scholarship and served as the Executive Board Articles Editor of the Denver University Law Review. She also received numerous honors and awards during law school, including the Reese Persuasive Writing Award, the Hartje Objective Writing Award, and several Scholastic Excellence Awards, which are given to the top law student in each class.

CASES

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- Serving as trial counsel in a national automobile manufacturer in a high stakes product liability case.
- Serving as trial counsel for a national trucking corporation, local service provider, and driver in an ongoing personal injury dispute.
- Represents pro bono Spanish-speaking clients in asylum cases.

TEACHING POSITIONS

DU Graduate School of Social Work

Adjunct Professor, The Law of Family and Child, 2015-2018

MELISSA L. ROMERO

Allen Elementary School in Austin, TX
Bilingual Third Grade Teacher

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Colorado
U.S. District Court, D. Colorado
U.S. District Court, D. New Jersey
U.S. District Court, D. New Mexico

LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

The Best Lawyers in America

Ones to Watch - Commercial Litigation, 2021
Spanish Speaking Lawyers' Committee of the Colorado Bar Association
Immediate Past Vice Chair, Member
Colorado Women's Bar Association, Member
Colorado Hispanic Bar Association, Member
Our Courts Hispanic Outreach Committee
Member and Volunteer Presenter
Project Safeguard Legal Clinics, Interpreter
Legal Nights at Mi Casa Legal Resource Center, Interpreter

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

- Co-author, "The Use of Court Appointed Experts and Masters in Civil Cases," 46 Colo. Law. 1 (January 2017).
- "Making Space for Cultural Differences in Child Welfare," 38 NACC: Guardian 6 (August 2016).
- "Connick v. Thompson: Forsaking Constitutional Due Process for Fear of Flooding Litigation and Loss of Municipal Autonomy," 89 DENV. U.L. REV. 771 (2012).

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Camping, long-distance running, urban farming, Motown, blues, home improvement.