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Clarissa Collier represents sophisticated clients in high-stakes personal injury, healthcare professional liability, and commercial litigation matters. She is an experienced and effective advocate for clients, including at trial, where she has established her skill to lead at any phase.

EDUCATION

University of Wyoming College of Law, J.D., 2008, *cum laude*, Order of the Coif

University of Wyoming, B.A., 2005, Criminal Justice, *cum laude*

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Extern for The Honorable Jeffrey Donnell of Albany County District Court

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Holland & Hart LLP

ADMISSIONS

Colorado

HIGHLIGHTS

- Successfully represented Universal Health Services as second chair in a negligence jury trial involving alleged patient-on-patient sexual assault in a mental health facility.
- Won summary judgment for an oil and gas company in a commercial lawsuit brought by Boulder County involving \$600 million of the client's assets.
- Favorably settled a string of premises liability cases for a franchisor of more than 350 fast food restaurants.
- Represented an oil and gas developer in responding to a multi-agency securities investigation involving the Securities Exchange Commission and several state securities boards and divisions.
- Obtained \$2.3 million summary judgment in federal court in Utah for a Fortune 500 financial institution enforcing its rights as a creditor against a corporate debtor.
- Solo-chaired a fraud and negligent misrepresentation jury trial in federal court in Colorado arising from a business dispute.
- Conducted an internal investigation for a Fortune 500 holding company for various life insurance companies and investment firms relating to a former employee's allegations of retaliation, discrimination and violations of the Securities Exchange Act.

INDUSTRIES

- Oil & Gas
- Healthcare
- Trucking

PRACTICE AREAS

- Personal Injury Defense
- Professional Liability
- Commercial Litigation
- Investigations & Compliance

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BIOGRAPHY

Clarissa Collier represents sophisticated clients in high-stakes personal injury, healthcare professional liability and commercial litigation matters. She is an experienced and effective advocate for clients, including at trial, where she has established her skill to lead at any phase.

In addition to her litigation practice, Clarissa brings extensive experience handling white collar cases and investigations. She has conducted independent internal investigations to minimize clients' legal exposure and has responded to federal and state government investigations.

Clarissa is listed as a *Colorado Rising Star*, and was the recipient of the prestigious Gary McPherson Award for Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year in 2016.

CASES

Healthcare Professional Liability

- Successfully represented Universal Health Services as second chair in a negligence jury trial involving alleged patient-on-patient sexual assault in a mental health facility. The case settled favorably after close of the evidence and prior to closing statements.

Commercial Litigation

- Won summary judgment for Crestone Peak Resources against Boulder County in a case involving an attempt to invalidate a key oil and gas lease that would have materially impacted Crestone's \$600 million investment, thereby clearing a major hurdle to significant future development.
- Obtained \$2.3 million summary judgment in federal court in Utah for a Fortune 500 financial institution enforcing its rights as a creditor against a corporate debtor.
- Solo-chaired a fraud and negligent misrepresentation jury trial in federal court in Colorado arising from a business dispute.
- Represented a school district on a pro bono basis in a high-profile lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Colorado school finance system.

Personal Injury

- Favorably settled a string of premises liability cases for a franchisor of more than 350 fast food restaurants.
- Favorably settled a negligence case for a *de minimis* amount for a state sanctioned rodeo.

Investigations & Compliance

- Represented an oil and gas developer in responding to a multi-agency securities investigation involving the Securities Exchange Commission and several state securities boards and divisions.
- Conducted an internal investigation for a Fortune 500 holding company for various life insurance companies and investment firms relating to a former employee's allegations of retaliation, discrimination and violations of the Securities Exchange Act.

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- Represented a major defense service contractor in voluntarily disclosing potential export controls and trade sanctions violations to the Departments of State, Commerce, and Treasury.
- Represented a defense service contractor in response to a Department of Justice investigation involving alleged Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Colorado

U.S. District Court, D. Colorado

LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Colorado Rising Stars

Business Litigation, 2019-2020

International, 2018

Gary McPherson Award for Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year, 2016

Colorado Lawyers Committee Team of the Year Award

Lobato Litigation, 2012

American Bar Association

Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates

Litigation Section

Colorado Bar Association, Board of Governors

Denver Bar Association

Faculty of Federal Advocates

Sam Cary Bar Association

Legal Aid Foundation of Colorado

Board of Trustees, 2017-2018

Associates Advisory Board, Co-Chair, 2015-2017

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Ray of Hope Cancer Foundation, Vice Chair of Board of Directors

Downtown Denver Leadership Program

Alumni Association

Participant, 2012

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

- 2014 Associates Campaign for Justice—"May I See Your ID?," *The Colorado Lawyer*, Vol. 43, No. 4 (April 2014).
- "Exploring the Limits of the In Pari Delicto Defense," *ABI Young and New Members Committee eNewsletter*, Vol. 10, No. 2 (March 2012).

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Enjoying the great outdoors, listening to live music, traveling, and watching the Denver Broncos