



## CHRISTOPHER E. BYER

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### EDUCATION

University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 2018, Editorial Board, *Virginia Law & Business Review*

University of Michigan, B.A., 2015, Political Science

### GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk to the Honorable Brian R. Whitney, Second Judicial District of Colorado

### OTHER EXPERIENCE

Ballard Spahr

### ADMISSIONS

Colorado  
District of Columbia

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Won a favorable jury verdict in a \$350 million personal injury trial.
- Won a Texas defense verdict in a \$20M personal injury trial.
- Won a permanent restraining order—as well as the subsequent appeal—for an individual and their employer against members of a hate organization. Served as first chair in the hearing and handled all witness examinations.
- Won a preliminary injunction for a home warranty company against a competitor that had poached employees and encouraged them to disclose trade secret information.
- Represent ski and snowsports recreation clients in personal injury matters.

### INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Products & Services

### PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Personal Injury Defense
- Appellate

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## BIOGRAPHY

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Prior to joining WTO, Chris worked as an associate at the Denver office of an AmLaw 200 firm. He also worked as a Law Clerk in the Second Judicial District of Colorado where he drafted appellate opinions, orders on motions for summary judgment and other dispositive motions, and prepared bench memoranda in multiparty litigations.

## CASES

- *Abeyta v. Horton*, CV32887 - Won a favorable jury verdict in a \$350 million personal injury trial for a motorcyclist accused of negligence causing his passenger's catastrophic injuries. WTO's defense compelled the jury to find our client just 5% liable and assign 95% of liability to another party.
- *Lester v. Burnett Oil & Gas Co., Inc.* (Tarrant Cnty. Dist. Ct. TX 2022) - Hired a month before trial, won a defense verdict in Texas for an oil and gas company in a \$20 million personal injury case.
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## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Colorado  
District of Columbia  
U.S. District Court, D. Colorado

## LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

American Bar Association  
Colorado Bar Association  
Colorado Lawyers Committee, Young Lawyers Division

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## ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

- "Collecting Personal Information to Combat Coronavirus and the CCPA," Ballard Spahr Cyber Adviser blog, (March 18, 2020).
- "FDA and FTC to Study Impact of Social Media Influencers," Ballard Spahr Cyber Adviser blog, (March 4, 2020).

## PERSONAL INTERESTS

Eagle Scout, motorcycling, soccer