



## TERESA G. AKKARA

### Associate

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**Teresa Akkara helps clients navigate complex commercial issues at the trial and appellate levels. She brings valuable hands-on experience and strategic perspective to her cases, having assisted on matters before the U.S. Supreme Court as well as the Third, Fourth, and Seventh Circuit Courts of Appeal. Prior to joining WTO, Teresa worked as an associate in the litigation department of an AmLaw 10 firm in New York City. She also served an appellate clerk to Justice Carlos A. Samour, Jr. of the Colorado Supreme Court.**

### EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D., 2018, *cum laude*, Sr. Editor University of Pennsylvania Law Review

The College of New Jersey, B.A., 2015, *summa cum laude*, English, Philosophy

### GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk to The Honorable Carlos A. Samour, Jr., Colorado Supreme Court

### OTHER EXPERIENCE

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP,  
Associate  
Dechert LLP,  
Federal Appellate Litigation Extern  
DLA Piper LLP,  
Summer Associate  
Duane Morris LLP,  
Summer Associate

### ADMISSIONS

Colorado  
New York

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Won successful resolution of complex commercial claims in arbitration before the International Chamber of Commerce.
- Prepared sections of a U.S. Supreme Court amicus brief challenging the census citizenship question on behalf of 190 state and local government officials.
- Drafted sections of a U.S. Supreme Court amicus brief advocating against partisan gerrymandering.
- Argued a matter of first impression before the Third Circuit and successfully persuaded the court to extend the application of a seminal case.
- Obtained a favorable settlement for a major transportation company after filing briefing that prompted plaintiff to voluntarily dismiss three out of four claims with prejudice.
- Investigated antitrust issues presented by proposed mergers and advised clients on appropriate merger strategy.
- Represented a pharmaceutical company before the Delaware Chancery Court and obtained resolution of pending claims.

### INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Products & Services

### PRACTICE AREAS

- Appellate
- Commercial Litigation

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## BIOGRAPHY

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Teresa is a creative advocate and storyteller. She has leveraged those strengths to accomplish client objectives across a variety of sectors and litigation phases. Teresa also sits on the board of the Colorado Pledge to Diversity, an initiative that seeks to increase diversity in the legal profession.

Teresa graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, cum laude. While attending the University of Pennsylvania, Teresa also earned a certificate in management from the Wharton School of Business.

## CASES

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- Petitioned for and helped secure the release of transgender clients incarcerated in NY correctional facilities.
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## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

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## LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Colorado Pledge to Diversity,  
Board Member  
South Asian Bar Association,  
Board Member  
Colorado Appellate Pro Bono Program,  
Attorney Volunteer  
Legal Aid Society 2021 Pro Bono Publico Award,  
Recipient

## ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

### Articles

- Co-Author, "North American Overview: International Arbitration Laws and Regulations 2020," International Comparative Legal Guide, (Aug. 24, 2020).
- Associate Contributor, Client Memorandum – "COVID-19: LIBOR 2021 Cessation Timing Unchanged Though Planning Delays Expected" (March 30, 2020).
- Associate Contributor, Client Memorandum – "Global Regulators Press Market Participants to Prepare Now for LIBOR Transition" (Jan. 29, 2020).

## PERSONAL INTERESTS

Writing fiction, scuba-diving, skiing