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WHY
WTO

A CULTURE WORTH BELONGING TO

Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell (WTO) represents sophisticated clients in high-stakes civil trials, litigation, and appeals nationwide.

WTO routinely represents the nation's most recognized companies and brands in litigation opposite the most formidable names in the legal industry.

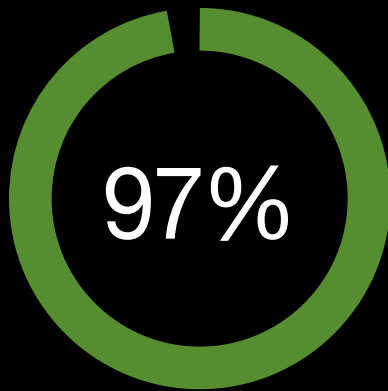
Above all, WTO prizes excellence, collaboration, inclusivity, and respect in service to our clients.

We love the work, are inspired by our clients, and truly like and care about each other. The resulting camaraderie makes WTO a uniquely rewarding place to build a career in complex trials and litigation.

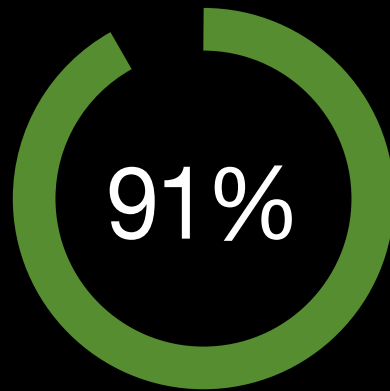
EXPECTATIONS



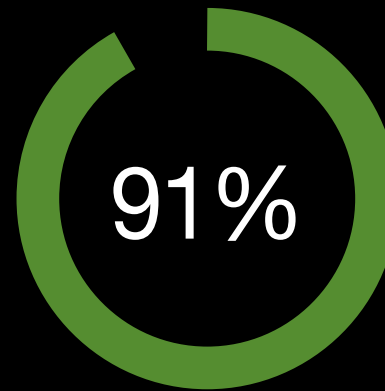
STAND-UP EXPERIENCE OVER THE PAST YEAR



97% of WTO
associates argued
in court



91% took or
defended depositions



91% served as the
primary lawyer on at
least one matter



100% had direct and
substantive interaction
with clients

EXPERIENCE

EXPECTATIONS

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT AT WTO



“WTO’s formal trainings have been informative and fun, and a great way to network with other attorneys in the office. The informal mentorship at the firm is also top notch, and is in line with the phenomenal culture of mutual respect and friendliness.”

—Associate comment to Vault

MENTORSHIP & TRAINING

WTO supports lawyers with plentiful training, formal and informal mentoring, and, most importantly, significant hands-on experience.

COMPETITIVE COMPENSATION

At \$160,000 per year for starting associates, WTO leads the market among Denver-based firms. If you want to perform substantive work, engage directly with sophisticated clients, and learn under partners and counsel who are invested in your success, let’s talk.

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

If you seek to give back through pro bono service, WTO will help you make it happen. Recent experience includes winning a prisoners’ rights trial, arguing before the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, and drafting amicus briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court.

WTO FOUNDATION

The WTO Foundation provides opportunities for WTO lawyers, staff, and their families and friends to help build and give back to WTO’s communities. Since 2005, the Foundation has donated more than \$2.3 million and thousands of volunteer hours to hundreds of organizations.

GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

Denver ranks at the top of multiple lists for the best places to live and work. It’s no wonder why. Great jobs, phenomenal recreation, and a booming economy make Denver a serious contender for any attorney or family considering a move.

#1 in Forbes Best Places for Business and Careers

#3 in U.S. News Best Places to Live



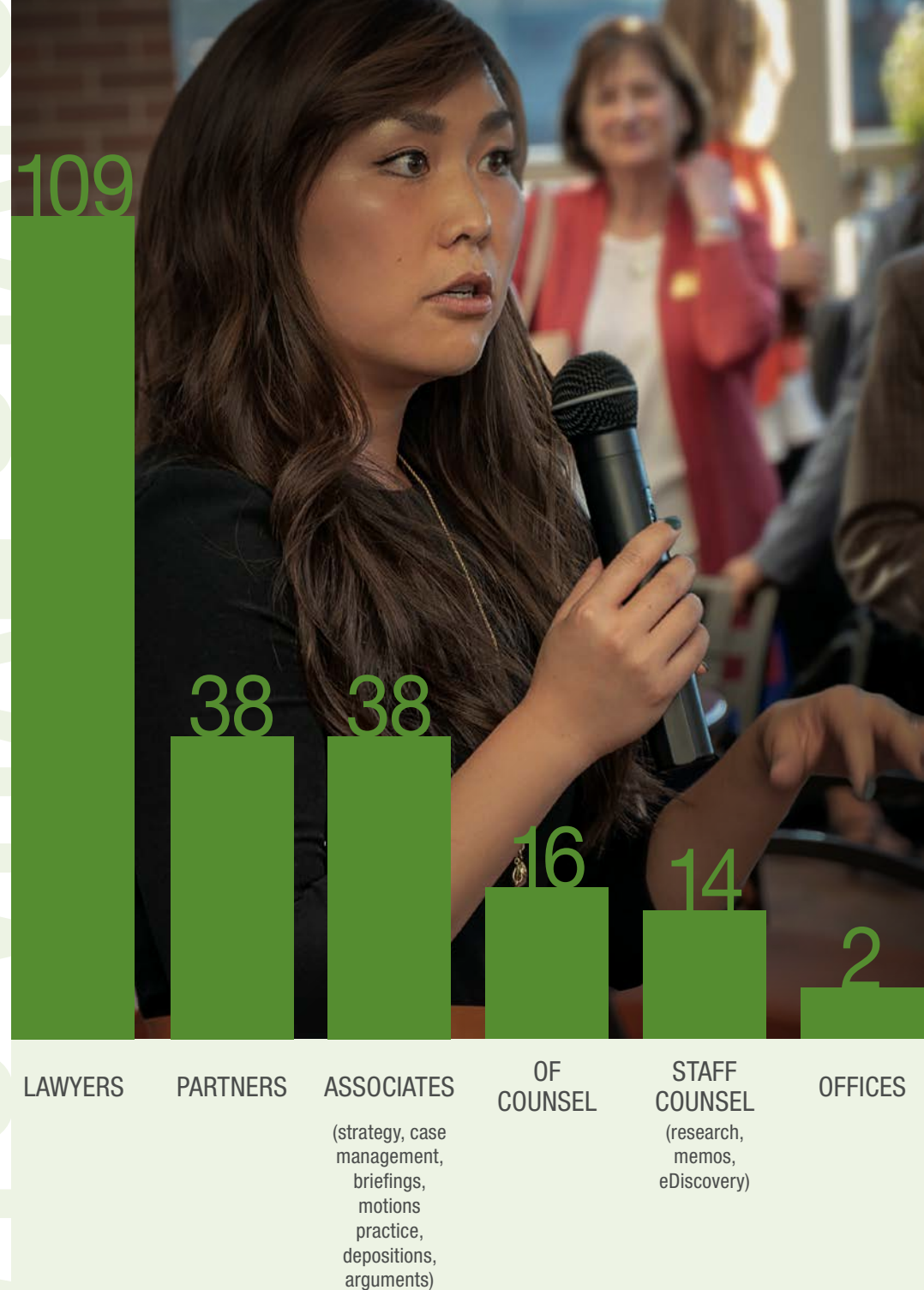
**VISIT WTO AND SEE FOR YOURSELF
WHAT MAKES DENVER SO ATTRACTIVE.**



WHO WE ARE

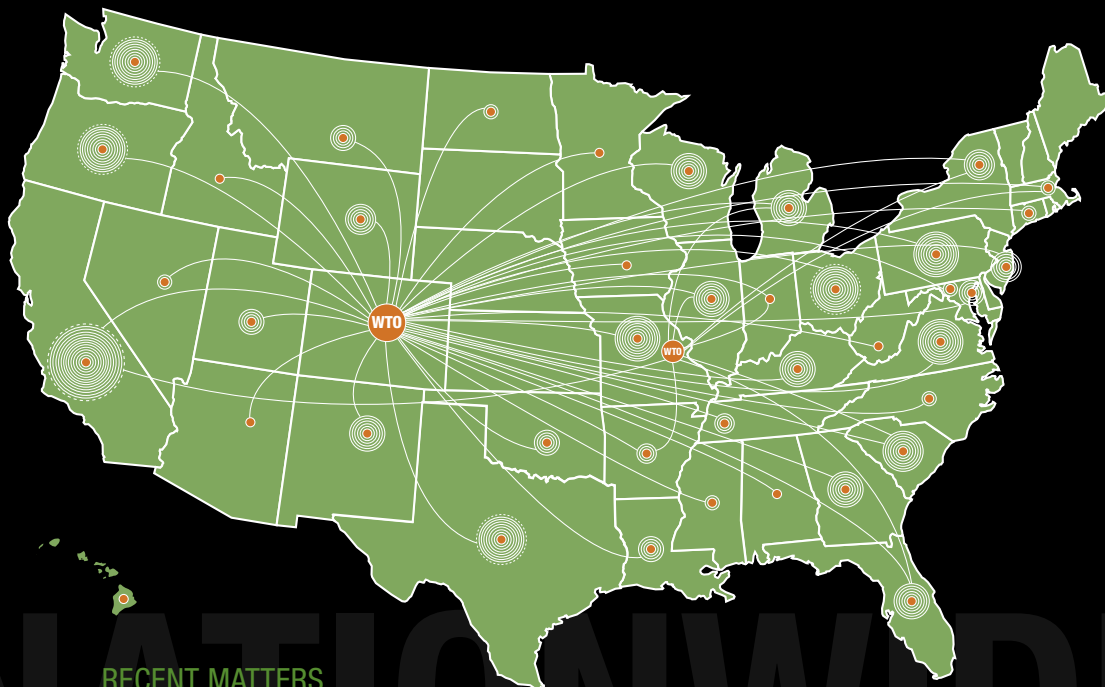
WTO was born of a desire
to perform litigation better.
To provide better client service.
To create better opportunities.
To deliver better value and
achieve better outcomes through
better processes, better culture,
and better, more creative
thinking.

Excellence is always better.



WHAT WE DO

WTO attorneys have taken more than 1,100 trials and arbitrations to verdict or award and more than 300 appeals to opinion nationwide. We tackle the toughest issues all over the country and help clients navigate and advance the law through effective litigation.



NATIONWIDE





CASES

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

Wondering what you might handle at WTO? The following highlights are just a taste of the sophisticated, high-stakes, and high-profile cases WTO lawyers are leading every day.

COMPLEX COMMERCIAL



- After four years of litigation and just two months before trial, WTO helped resolve a \$2.1 billion federal antitrust and labor class action challenging the au pair exchange program administered by the Department of State. As a result, the defendants paid only 3% of the demand and the program continues unchanged.
- Successfully represented Aimco, one of the largest apartment owners in the U.S., in nationwide litigation alleging intentional torts against Airbnb. After jury selection in the first trial, Airbnb settled all litigation on terms allowing Aimco to control short-term rental activity consistent with its contract and property rights.
- Won a rare, permanent injunction against a major distributor that infringed on WTO's client's exclusive distribution territory. The lawsuit involved bet-the-company stakes and is having multibillion-dollar repercussions in the industry.

PRODUCT LIABILITY & MASS TORTS

- Representing Whirlpool in all consumer class action defense nationwide.
- Won a complete defense jury verdict for Michelin in a nine-week trial in Florida with \$80 million to \$1.2 billion at stake, and won the ensuing appeal.
- As lead national trial counsel to GE Healthcare, defeated plaintiffs' attempt before the U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation to create an MDL involving gadolinium-based contrast agents.

APPEALS

- Argued and won for FCA (fka Chrysler) before the Sixth Circuit in a case involving the question of whether federal legislation preempted Ohio state dealer laws.
- Argued and won for a leading U.S. railroad operator before the Tenth Circuit to uphold the dismissal of claims brought by a third-party intervenor.
- Argued and won for Michelin before the Second Circuit to uphold WTO's summary judgment victory in a fraud case in the Southern District of New York.

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

- Won a landmark federal case in Illinois defining for the first time the roles and obligations of lead and liaison counsel in multidistrict litigation.
- Won a defense verdict for a physician in a four-week trial with \$70 million at stake in a case involving bacterial meningitis in a minor.
- Argued and won a motion to dismiss \$150 million malpractice claims brought in Nevada against an AmLaw 200 firm. The allegations involved the accuracy of an underlying tax opinion.

INSURANCE

- Won two landmark, Tenth Circuit rulings regarding property damage appraisals and defeating fraudulent appraisals and corrupt appraisal practices.
- Won a groundbreaking ruling from the Colorado Supreme Court requiring insurance appraisers to be fully unbiased and impartial.
- Won an "extraordinary remedy" for State Farm in the Colorado Supreme Court relating to attorney-client privilege.

EMPLOYMENT

- Enforced a noncompete agreement in federal court against a former executive seeking to launch a competing firm by taking 50 clients representing \$200 million in investments.
- Won a defense jury verdict in federal court for a Fortune 500 telecommunications client facing age discrimination and retaliation claims.
- Representing an international shipping company as national coordinating counsel for its entire portfolio of individual and class action FLSA joint employment claims.

PRO BONO

- Won a plaintiff's verdict and punitive damages as trial counsel for a pro bono client in federal court against two corrections officers who violated WTO's client's 1st and 14th Amendment rights. Two WTO associates handled the trial from beginning to end.
- Drafted and filed an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court, at the request of Sidley Austin and the Northwestern Supreme Court Clinic, in a matter involving immigration issues with dire consequences for the petitioner.
- Drafted and argued to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in a civil rights case involving prisoners' rights issues.

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

Advanced Bionics
BP America Production Co.
CenturyLink
DISH Network
Electrolux Home Products
Ford Motor Co.
General Electric
IBM
McKesson
Michelin North America
Pfizer
Travelers
USAA
Vail Resorts
Volvo Cars
Whirlpool Corp.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Associate Comments
to Vault



*WTO Twice Named a Vault
Top 10 Nationwide Best
Midsize Law Firm To Work For*

"The substantive work opportunities are second to none."

"WTO treats its diversity as a top priority and does everything it can to promote diversity in the workplace."

"We have stand-up opportunities at trial, we handle significant depositions on our own, [and] we write and argue our own motions. There is tremendous support to ensure that we are prepared."

"Associates are viewed as future partners and are treated as such. Partners not only value associates but delegate significant responsibility and opportunity."

"I continue to be amazed by the talented individuals who interview at WTO. Former federal appellate court clerks who worked at Big Law firms come here to start the next steps of their careers."

"The demands are stringent, but you are rewarded with the best possible work you can manage."

"The best part of WTO is, by far, the people. I know firsthand what it means to be in a firm with a negative culture; WTO is the exact opposite."

“The enthusiasm is infectious at WTO.”

– *The National Law Journal*



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