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"Tremendous trial and negotiation skills" and "a presence that commands respect."

—Client comments to Chambers USA 2018

EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., 1979
Intern to the Honorable Sherman Finesilver, United States District Court for the District of Colorado

University of Notre Dame, B.A., 1976, English

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Member, Federal Judicial Evaluation Committee for U. S. Senator Cory Gardner

ADMISSIONS

Colorado
Wyoming

Michael O'Donnell has appeared as lead defense counsel in 40 states for product liability, professional liability, class and mass actions, and complex commercial matters for many of the nation's leading companies. Mike is a Fellow and national Officer of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is nationally ranked in *Chambers USA*, and his colleagues and peers have voted him the #1 lawyer in *Colorado Super Lawyers* for six consecutive years.

HIGHLIGHTS

- As lead national trial counsel, defeated plaintiffs' attempt before the U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation to create an MDL involving a medical device.
- Won a landmark federal case in Illinois defining the obligations of lead and liaison counsel in multidistrict litigation.
- Won complete affirmance for an insurer in two published opinions from the Tenth Circuit involving an improperly obtained, eight-figure appraisal award.
- Won a complete defense jury verdict for Michelin in an \$80 million, nine-week trial in Florida.
- Represented Denver International Airport in high-profile claims involving bid rigging and unfair competition relating to a \$50 million terminal concessions contract.
- Recovered \$11.2 million in a paid-out insurance award and attorneys' fees for an insurance company facing inflated claims.
- Represented Denver International Airport against the Regional Transportation District in a dispute over cost sharing agreements involving a new rail line serving the airport.

INDUSTRIES

- Medical Devices & Pharmaceuticals
- Automotive
- Professional Services
- Telecommunications
- Energy
- Oil & Gas
- Healthcare
- Legal Services
- Construction & Engineering
- Asbestos
- Financial Services

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Product Liability
- Class Actions
- Mass Torts
- Professional Liability
- Toxic Torts
- Personal Injury Defense
- Legal Professional Liability