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EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., 2010; Trial Team Member; Vice President of Student Trial Lawyers Association

University of Colorado, B.A., Philosophy, 2006

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado

Assistant Attorney General, Colorado Attorney General's Office

Deputy District Attorney, Jefferson County, Colorado, District Attorney's Office

Law Clerk to the Honorable William Robbins, Denver District Court

ADMISSIONS

Colorado

Alison Connaughty is a former federal prosecutor with significant experience in trials and litigation. She previously was an Assistant U.S. Attorney, and she was a state Assistant Attorney General and a county Deputy District Attorney. She has first-chaired three federal jury trials, in addition to 44 state jury trials. She second-chaired an additional 23 state jury trials. She also has first-chaired bench trials in both state and federal court. Alison is President of the Colorado Women's Bar Association.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Led a government investigation into potential misconduct of elected government officials related to improper use of their elected positions during an offer to purchase a local community resource.
- Served as co-counsel to a hospital system in a two-week jury trial in Iowa. Prepared fact and expert witnesses for trial and briefed and argued numerous motions. The case settled favorably during the first week of trial.
- Obtained a favorable settlement for one of the world's largest companies in a catastrophic injury case in which the plaintiff sought over \$100 million in damages after uncovering improper actions of opposing counsel while taking depositions of the plaintiffs.
- Obtained a favorable settlement for a hospital system in Texas after conducting extensive expert witness depositions, successfully arguing motions in limine, and filing offensive motions that were successfully argued to limit plaintiffs' evidence.
- Represented employees of a large clinical laboratory company in connection with ancillary legal proceedings, including testimony preparation and strategic management of defensive discovery.

INDUSTRIES

- Healthcare

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Investigations & Compliance
- Healthcare Professional Liability

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BIOGRAPHY

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As an AUSA at the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Colorado, she was in the Cybercrime and National Security Section. She was an Assistant AG in the Special Prosecutions and Financial Fraud Units in the Colorado AG's Office, and she was a Deputy DA in the Jefferson County, Colorado, DA's Office.

Throughout her career, Alison has managed a wide variety of sophisticated cases and investigations, from securities fraud to intellectual property to First Amendment litigation.

CASES

Professional Liability & Catastrophic Injury

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Investigations

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BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Colorado

U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit

U.S. District Court, D. Colorado

LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Colorado Women's Bar Association

President, current

President Elect, 2024-2025

Vice President, 2022-2023

Board Member: Co-chair, Public Policy Committee, 2020-2022; Co-chair, Judicial Committee, 2018-2020

Attorney General's John Marshall Award for Excellence in Litigation, 2025

Victim Advocates Award for Excellence in Victim Services, 2024

Doyle Inn of Court

Board Member, current

President, 2023-2024

Treasurer, 2022-2023

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

Presentations

- Panelist, "Ship Fast But Don't Get Sued: Navigating AI Legal Risk & Innovation for Colorado Startups," 2026 Colorado Startup Week (September 16, 2026).
- Presenter, "Effective Witness Preparation," Doyle Inn Continuing Legal Education Series (April 2025).
- Presenter, "Effective Collection of Digital Evidence," Rocky Mountain HIDTA Quarterly Conference (December 2024).
- Presenter, "Witness Preparation," Doyle Inn Continuing Legal Education Series (December 2023).
- Presenter, "Motions in Limine: a Sword, a Shield, and how not to impale yourself on appeal," Colorado Attorney General's Office In House Continuing Legal Education Program (May 2021).
- Presenter, "The Lighter Side of Fraud," Conference for the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (March 2019).
- Presenter, "Insurance Fraud Investigations: from detection to trial," National Insurance Crime Bureau Annual Conference (October 2018).

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- Presenter, "Complex Securities Fraud Investigations," Conference for the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (March 2018).
- Presenter, "Insurance Fraud Litigation: tips and tricks," Rocky Mountain Association of Special Investigative Units (September 2017).

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Road biking, golf, cooking, snowboarding