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EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., 2014, Order of St. Ives, *Denver University Law Review*, Senior Articles Editor

Northwestern University, B.S., 2003, Theatre and Communications

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk to The Honorable John R. Webb, Colorado Court of Appeals

Judicial Intern to The Honorable William W. Hood, III, Colorado Supreme Court

Judicial Intern to The Honorable Charles M. Pratt, 18th Judicial District

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Youth Development Supervisor for the City of Aurora, Colorado
No Child Left Behind Specialist, University of South Florida
Hillsborough County Schools, Elementary Teacher

ADMISSIONS

Colorado
New Mexico

HIGHLIGHTS

- Won summary judgment in a medical malpractice case for a hospital and two physicians in New Mexico on plaintiffs' claims for "ordinary" negligence, negligence per se, breach of contract, and breach of express and implied warranty.
- Representing numerous hospital systems in dozens of medical malpractice cases across the country, including in New Mexico and other challenging jurisdictions.
- Won dismissal on summary judgment for a healthcare client in a birth injury case in New Mexico. The case was dismissed for plaintiff's failure to prove causation.
- Negotiated voluntary dismissal of healthcare client in a wrongful death case in New Mexico.
- Serving as national counsel to a medical device manufacturer and aerial lift manufacturer in product liability lawsuits.
- Won dismissal for Skyjack in federal court in a product liability matter involving alleged injury on a scissor lift. The case was dismissed on the basis of lack of personal jurisdiction.
- Won a unanimous defense jury verdict for Michelin North America in a \$66 million product liability trial in South Carolina.

INDUSTRIES

- Healthcare
- Automotive
- Medical Devices & Pharmaceuticals
- Consumer Products & Services

PRACTICE AREAS

- Healthcare Professional Liability
- Product Liability
- Commercial Litigation

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BIOGRAPHY

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Shawn's catastrophic injury experience extends to product liability, and she also represents clients in complex commercial disputes. She has defended clients in medical malpractice cases in challenging jurisdictions. Shawn's experience spans the country, from Georgia to Illinois, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.

She has represented clients at the trial and appellate levels. Shawn brings strong experience examining witnesses at trial, arguing dispositive motions, serving as lead counsel, and taking and defending key expert depositions.

CASES

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- Representing a leading telecommunications company in commercial litigation matters.

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- Won an arbitration award for a lawyer and law firm against malpractice claims related to a 2014 real estate deal. Claimants asserted damages of \$3 million plus interest. The arbitrator ruled for WTO's client and found that no malpractice occurred.
- Representing Skyjack as national trial counsel in product liability cases involving aerial lift and boom equipment.
- Defended a large utility company in a wrongful death suit in which the plaintiffs alleged almost \$3.5 million in damages. Minutes before the summary judgment hearing, and less than two weeks before trial, the plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed WTO's client from the lawsuit.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Colorado
New Mexico

LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- The Best Lawyers in America
 - Ones to Watch - Appellate Practice, 2022-2025
 - Ones to Watch - Commercial Litigation, 2021-2025
- Colorado Super Lawyers
 - Rising Stars, Civil Litigation Defense, 2020-2024
- Defense Research Institute, Member
- Doyle Inn of Court, Member
- Colorado Bar Association, Member
- Colorado Women's Bar Association, Member

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Running, Professional Association of Dive Instructors Certified Divemaster