

“Responsive, Strategic & Forward-Thinking”: WTO Leads Nationwide and in Colorado in *Chambers USA 2018*

News

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Highlights:

- Band 2: Nationwide Product Liability & Mass Torts
 - 5 lawyers ranked–tied for most in the nation
 - WTO among top 16 firms in the U.S.
- Band 1: General Commercial Litigation, Colorado
 - 8 lawyers ranked–twice as many as the next closest firm
 - More attorneys in Band 1 than any firm
- Band 3: Labor & Employment Litigation, Colorado
 - Raymond Martin ranked in Band 1 for 9 straight years

Denver: *Chambers USA 2018* has again recognized Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell (WTO) among the top litigation firms nationwide and in Colorado. The directory cites the firm's "unparalleled bench strength" and lauds WTO's "experience acting as national trial counsel to major clients on significant and sophisticated matters."

"I would trust this team with my most catastrophic case," the directory quotes one client as reporting. Another says, "The entire WTO team is responsive, strategic, and forward-thinking when it comes to defending our company."

"We are humbled by such high praise from our clients," said WTO Chairman Michael O'Donnell. "And we commit to earn their praise all over again on the next matter."

Chambers points to WTO's high-stakes representations for McKesson, Michelin, and Whirlpool in its editorial. The publication ranks 11 WTO lawyers nationally and in Colorado.

Nationwide

WTO is ranked in Band 2 for Nationwide Product Liability & Mass Torts, putting WTO among the top 16 firms in the country. Five WTO lawyers are recognized as "Notable Practitioners" in this practice area, tying WTO for most in the nation.

- John Fitzpatrick (Band 3)
- James Hooper (Band 5)
- Michael O'Donnell (Band 4)
- Jack Trigg (Senior Statesmen)
- Malcolm Wheeler (Senior Statesmen)

Only three other firms in the U.S. have five "Notable Practitioners" in this area.

Fitzpatrick also earned special recognition on the Spotlight table for Nationwide Product Liability: Toxic Torts. Only two other lawyers in the nation are ranked for Toxic Torts.

Colorado

Chambers ranked WTO in Band 1 in Colorado for General Commercial Litigation. Only one other firm is ranked in Band 1.

Eight WTO lawyers are recognized as “Notable Practitioners” in this area. That’s twice as many as the next closest firm. WTO also has more attorneys ranked in Band 1 for General Commercial Litigation than any other firm in Colorado.

- Scott Barker (Band 3)
- Carolyn Fairless (Band 2)
- John Fitzpatrick (Band 1)
- Hugh Gottschalk (Band 1)
- Michael O’Donnell (Band 1)
- Kathryn Reilly (Band 4)
- Malcolm Wheeler (Senior Statesmen)
- Michael Williams (Band 4)

For the ninth year in a row, Raymond Martin is recognized in Band 1 for Colorado Labor & Employment. *Chambers* recognizes only two other attorneys in the state as highly for employment litigation. The firm is recognized in Band 3 in that practice area.

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Since 2004, Wheeler Trigg O’Donnell lawyers have won 142 trial verdicts and complex arbitrations, and 80 significant appeals nationwide for our clients. Established in 1998, WTO currently numbers 100 lawyers. The firm represents sophisticated clients in high-stakes civil trials, appeals, arbitrations, and related matters, including class actions, mass torts, and multidistrict litigation.