

WTO Welcomes Eleven Attorneys In 2019

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Denver: Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell welcomed a diverse class of three of counsel attorneys and eight associates in 2019. These eleven attorneys have already begun to make their mark on the firm and the legal industry in Colorado and nationwide.

New Of Counsel

Meghan Berglind is an experienced advocate who helps clients in complex appeals and critical motions practice. Meghan has represented sophisticated companies and government agencies in high-stakes trials and appeals, including as lead counsel for the Social Security Administration against one of the largest disability fraud schemes in U.S. history. She was an associate with WTO from 2003-2006 and also served as a litigation associate at a large national firm. Meghan obtained her J.D., cum laude, from Cornell Law in 2000 and a Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, from Boston University in 1997.

Clarissa Collier represents sophisticated clients in high-stakes personal injury, healthcare professional liability and commercial litigation matters. She is an experienced and effective advocate for clients, including at trial, where she has established her skill to lead at any phase. Clarissa received her J.D., cum laude, Order of the Coif, in 2008, from the

University of Wyoming College of Law and her Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, in 2005 from the University of Wyoming.

Rebecca Graves Payne represents sophisticated lawyers and law firms in complex legal malpractice and professional liability matters. She brings significant appellate and brief writing experience to the firm. Most recently, Rebecca briefed two winning cases in the Colorado Supreme Court. Rebecca obtained her J.D., cum laude, in 1992 from Washington and Lee University and her Bachelor of Arts in 1987 from Duke University.

New Associates

Annie Anderson represents clients in complex commercial litigation matters. Prior to joining WTO, she served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Rebecca Freyre of the Colorado Court of Appeals, where she assisted in drafting opinions and performing legal research on a variety of topics. Annie earned her J.D., magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, from Washington and Lee University in 2017 and a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy in 2010 from the University of Colorado.

Ryan Cooke represents sophisticated clients in complex civil disputes across a range of industries and practice areas. Prior to joining WTO, he worked as a litigation associate at a prominent international law firm in New York City, where he represented clients in civil and white collar matters, including business transactions, complex commercial and contractual disputes, professional liability litigation, and securities actions. Ryan earned his J.D., magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, in 2016 from Georgetown University and a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law in 2013 from the University of Richmond.

Myra Din represents clients in complex litigation matters with a focus on class actions and management-side labor and employment. Prior to joining WTO, she served two judicial clerkships in the greater New York City area, where she

gained experience drafting judicial opinions and bench memoranda, as well as assisting with trials and sentencing recommendations. She also previously worked as an associate in the labor and employment department of an international law firm. Myra received a J.D., cum laude, from Brooklyn Law School in 2016 and a Bachelor of Science from Cornell University in 2012.

Daniel Guisbond helps clients navigate complex commercial disputes across a variety of business sectors. Dan has extensive experience in all phases of litigation and has litigated in federal and state courts across the country. Before joining WTO, Dan was an associate at a large, international law firm, where he handled complex commercial disputes primarily involving copyright and trademark-related issues in the technology, digital media, and entertainment fields. He earned his J.D. in 2010 from Fordham University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in Government in 2005 from Cornell University.

Kevin Havelde represents clients in complex commercial litigation matters, with a focus on insurance, business torts, employment defense, and contractual disputes. Prior to joining WTO, Kevin served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Claria Horn Boom of the United States District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky. Kevin earned his J.D. from the University of Kentucky in 2015, Masters in Education from Hunter College in 2012, and Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and English from Centre College in 2008. Prior to law school, he participated in Teach for America.

Matthew Rotbart represents sophisticated clients in complex commercial litigation matters. He has handled cases in the healthcare and consumer products industries, where he has taken and defended fact and expert depositions and drafted winning motions. Matt also has significant experience representing professional sports teams and organizations.

Prior to joining WTO, Matt was an associate at an AmLaw 100 firm in New York City, where he chaired the firm's high school mentoring program. Matt earned his J.D. from New York University in 2013 and his Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, in history and government from Cornell University in 2010.

Brian Ruocco represents clients in complex litigation matters at the trial and appellate levels. Prior to joining WTO, he served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Ronald Gilman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and to the Honorable Kevin McNulty of the U.S. District Court of New Jersey. Brian earned his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, in 2017, and his Bachelor of Arts, Phi Beta Kappa, in Government from Cornell University in 2011.

Dmitry Vilner represents sophisticated clients in complex professional liability defense matters, with a focus on legal professional liability. Dmitry has taken active roles in trial, argued motions in court, and recently won summary judgment in two different cases on the same day. In 2018, he was recognized for appellate *pro bono* work through the Colorado Bar Association. He earned a J.D. from the University of Colorado Law School in 2011 and a Bachelor of Arts (Justice Louis D. Brandeis and National Merit Scholar) from Brandeis University in 2008.

Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell lawyers have taken more than 1,300 trials, arbitrations, and appeals to verdict, award, or opinion in 45 states and Washington, D.C., with exceptional results for our clients. Established in 1998, WTO currently numbers 110 lawyers. The firm represents sophisticated clients in high-stakes civil trials, appeals, and related litigation ranging from complex commercial to class actions to multidistrict litigation.