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Lawdragon "Next
Generation" Lawyer



Tommy Olsen represents clients in high-stakes, complex commercial litigation at the trial and appellate levels across a broad range of industries, including financial services, franchising,

energy, and telecommunications. He also has significant experience in litigation related to metropolitan districts and property development throughout Colorado.

Credentials

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., *cum laude*, 2011

University of Chicago, A.B., with honors, 2007

CLERKSHIPS

Law Clerk to The Honorable Richard P. Matsch of the United States District Court for the District of Colorado

Office of U.S. Senator Ken Salazar

RECOGNITION

The Best Lawyers in America

Ones to Watch - Commercial Litigation, 2021-2025

Ones to Watch - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, 2022-2025

Colorado Super Lawyers

Rising Stars, Business Litigation, 2018-2024

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BAR AND ADMISSIONS

Colorado

Practices

Commercial Litigation

Government Litigation

Securities

Cases

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

Won a jury verdict in a Los Angeles commercial trial involving the bitter business divorce between owners of a prominent private equity firm and “bet-your-life” exposure to the client.

Successfully defended the national franchisor of Radiant Waxing® brand in a \$50 million case that culminated in a two-week bench trial over franchisees’ claims for breach of contract and related declaratory judgments.

Successfully represented a national franchisor in bringing business tort and contract claims against competitor and franchisees arising out of competitor’s attempts to poach franchisees.

Successfully defended a leading technology distributor against claims of civil conspiracy and trade secret misappropriation brought by former competitors, who sought tens of millions of dollars in damages. Following full discovery and a Daubert hearing, plaintiffs dismissed all claims on the eve of trial without any settlement or payment from our client.

Obtained summary judgment for a commercial lender resulting in an award of more than \$2.5 million, including interest and legal fees, relating to an LLC’s default on a condominium development loan.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT & PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT LITIGATION

Represented Denver International Airport in high profile claims involving alleged bid rigging and unfair competition relating to a \$50 million terminal concessions contract.

Together with counsel for a bond trustee, won a jury verdict for a bondholder against a metropolitan district that diverted tax revenue pledged to repay bonds.

Successfully defended the Colorado arm of the second-largest home building company in the U.S., together with executives and employees, against alleged violations of the Colorado Securities Act, among other claims, arising out of a metropolitan district development. Obtained dismissal of all claims against nine out of 10 defendants, paving the way for a favorable settlement.

Successfully defended the chief executive officer of a leading national land developer and other individuals against a fiduciary duty claim arising from their service on a metropolitan district board. Obtained dismissal of the claim, defended the appeal, and secured an award of attorneys' fees and costs for the clients.

Represented the City of Aurora in a Rule 106 action against the City of Greenwood Village involving an intergovernmental agreement between the cities under which Greenwood Village transferred development authority of a real estate parcel to Aurora.

PRO BONO

Served as lead trial counsel and won a permanent injunction in Texas federal court requiring that the State of Texas provide air conditioning in its prisons statewide. This was the first extreme heat case to go to trial against a statewide prison system, and the injunction will remedy unconstitutional conditions of extreme heat for many tens of thousands of current and future inmates.

Successfully represented two asylum applicants in federal immigration court. Their asylum applications were granted following an evidentiary merits hearing.
