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Shawn Neal defends healthcare clients in high-stakes healthcare liability cases in challenging jurisdictions across the country. She specializes in representing hospital systems and healthcare professionals in high-exposure pediatric cases, including birth injury matters, as well as neurosurgical cases. Shawn's catastrophic injury experience extends to product liability, including medical devices. She has taken trials to verdict across the country in both state and federal court.

Shawn's personal interests include running and being a Certified Divemaster with the Professional Association of Dive Instructors (PADI).

Credentials

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

CLERKSHIPS

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

OTHER GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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

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

RECOGNITION

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

LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS

Defense Research Institute, Member

Doyle Inn of Court, Member

Colorado Bar Association, Member

Colorado Women's Bar Association, Member

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Colorado
New Mexico

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

Practices

Commercial Litigation
Healthcare Litigation
Product Liability

Cases

HEALTHCARE LITIGATION

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.

OTHER

Won a unanimous defense jury verdict for Michelin North America in a $66 million product liability trial in South Carolina. The plaintiffs claimed that an allegedly defective Michelin motorcycle tire caused an accident resulting in catastrophic injuries.

Won an arbitration award for a lawyer and law firm against legal malpractice claims related to a 2014 real estate deal. Claimants asserted damages of $3 million plus interest. The arbitrator ruled for our client and found that no legal malpractice had occurred.

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 our client from the lawsuit.

Serving as national counsel to a medical device manufacturer and aerial lift manufacturer in product liability lawsuits.

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