

# Habib Nasrullah

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A former Assistant U.S. Attorney, Habib Nasrullah maintains an active trial practice in high exposure tort and commercial cases. He regularly represents global clients in trials and government investigations. Habib is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Habib also serves as trial and national coordinating counsel on commercial, mass tort, and complex product liability lawsuits, including multidistrict litigation. Habib's clients include

Fortune 100 and other leading companies, and he has substantial experience in federal and state courts across the U.S.

Habib's background as a federal prosecutor makes him particularly valuable to clients in civil cases that involve a parallel criminal investigation. Habib strives to resolve these matters in the earliest possible stages, sparing clients the potential of facing criminal charges or intense public scrutiny. Habib also conducts internal investigations and counsels individual and corporate clients on a variety of federal and state compliance issues in the healthcare, technology, aviation, and the food and beverage sectors.

Habib is currently serving as trial counsel in federal cases involving allegations of sports induced traumatic brain injury as well as assaults involving athletes. He is also representing defendants in human trafficking cases based on construction of sports stadiums.

## Credentials

### Education

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 1988

University of Southern California, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1984; International Relations, Phi Beta Kappa

### RECOGNITION

#### **Benchmark Litigation**

Litigation Star, 2020-2026

Commercial Litigation - Colorado, 2013-2018

Insurance Litigation - Colorado, 2013 -2018

Product Liability - Colorado, 2013-2018

Personal Injury - Colorado, 2013-2016

#### **Colorado Super Lawyers**

Top 5 Business Litigation, 2026

Top 100, 2013-2019, 2022-2026

Business Litigation, 2006, 2010-2020, 2022-2026

#### **The Best Lawyers in America**

Mass Tort/Class Action Litigation - Defendants Lawyer of the Year, 2017, 2020

Commercial Litigation, 2013-2021

Mass Tort/Class Action Litigation, 2016-2021

Product Liability Litigation, 2012-2021

### **The Legal 500 United States**

Litigation: Product Liability and Mass Tort Defense, 2013, 2015

**The International Who's Who/Lexology Index of Life Sciences Lawyers:** 2017, 2021, 2024, 2026

**The International Who's Who/Lexology Index of Product Liability Defense Lawyers:** 2016-2017, 2019, 2024, 2026

### **Martindale-Hubbell AV®Peer Review Rated**

### **Diversity & The Bar**

Law Firm Rainmakers, 2011

### **GOVERNMENT SERVICE**

United States Attorney's Office (District of Colorado)

Special Prosecutions Section

Project Safe Childhood Coordinator

Major Crimes Section

Civil Division

Federal Bureau of Investigation Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding prosecutive skills and assistance as an Assistant United States Attorney: 2008

United States Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General, Denver Field Office

Professionalism Award: 2008

United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General

Integrity Award for major contributions as an Assistant United States Attorney toward the goals and mission of the Inspector General

### **LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers

Chair of the Federal Rules of Evidence Committee, 2022-2023

Vice-Chair of the Federal Rules of Evidence Committee, 2021-2022

American Bar Association

Member, Conference of Minority Partners in Majority Corporate Law Firms

Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association

International Bar Association

Colorado Supreme Court  
Character and Fitness Committee

Defense Research Institute

International Association of Defense Counsel

#### **BAR AND ADMISSIONS**

Colorado

Pennsylvania (inactive)

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

U.S. District Court, D. Colorado

U.S. District Court, S.D. Texas

U.S. District Court, W.D. Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court, W.D. Texas

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITY**

Founder and Advisor, Internet Safety Foundation, a coalition of Colorado educational, corporate, and law enforcement interests whose mission is to be a clearinghouse for Internet safety resources

Colorado Association of Leaders in Educational Technology (CALET)

Outstanding Friend of Technology Award, 2008

#### **ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS**

Co-Author, "Working with International Suppliers: Sound Contracts Minimize Risk," CNA's Life Science POV.

"Mississippi Adopts 'Tort Reform,'" LJN's Prod. Liab. L. & Strategy, at 1.

"Pretrial Depositions and Interrogatories May No Longer Be Private," LJN's Prod. Liab. L. & Strategy, at 1.

"Protecting Confidential Settlement Agreements From Third Party Access," LJN's Prod. Liab. L. & Strategy, at 1.

"To Beep or Not to Beep: The Optional Equipment Defense," LJN's Prod. Liab. L. & Strategy, at 4.

"Protecting the Defendant: Challenging 'Other Acts' Evidence in Product Liability Cases," LJN's Prod. Liab. L. & Strategy, at 1.

"Working with International Suppliers: Sound Contracts Minimize Risk." Co-Authored, CNA's Life Sciences POV, (2013).Presenter, "Ethics: Pitfalls in Settlement Negotiations, Litigation Management in a New York Minute - 2017 Edition," The Network of Trial Law Firms, New York, NY.

Presenter, "Ethics: Pitfalls in Settlement Negotiations, Litigation Management in a New York Minute - 2017 Edition," The Network of Trial Law Firms, New York, NY.

Presenter, "The Art & Science of Jury Selection," The CDLA Trial Academy.

Presenter, "Off-Label Marketing and Free Speech in the Post-Caronia and Amarin World," The ABA Life Sciences Seminar.

Presenter, "Ethical Issues in Internal Investigations, Litigation Management in a New York Minute - 2015 Edition," The Network of Trial Law Firms, New York, NY.

Presenter, "Off-Label Marketing in the Post-Caronia World," The ABA Life Sciences Legal Summit.

Presenter, "Taking and Defending Depositions," CLE credit to assistant U.S. attorneys and other federal agency counsel at the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado.

Presenter, "Settlement, Approval, Ethics, and Beyond," Managing Complex Litigation 2014: Class Actions, Mass Torts & MDL, PLI conference.

Presenter, "Federal Preemption and its Impact on Generic Drug Manufacturers," The ABA Life Sciences Legal Summit.

Presenter, "Prospective Changes in Generic Drug Regulation," Underwriters from CAN.

Presenter, "Interviews With Former Employees: Strategies and Pitfalls," The Prac. Litigator, at 47.

Presenter, "Preparation and Presentation of Defenses of a Punitive Damages Claim in a Product Liability Case," The Center for International Legal Studies' International Product Liability and Personal Injury Conference.

Presenter, "Punitive Damages: A View From the Trenches," American Tort Reform Association Annual Legislative Conference for State Coalition Leaders and Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse.

## Practices

Commercial Litigation

Investigations

## Cases

### COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

Won a jury verdict in a dispute over the proceeds of a pharmaceutical clinical trial, prevailing on all claims including civil theft, fraud, conversion, and breach of fiduciary duty.

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Won a jury verdict for an international polo star in a commercial dispute over the cloning and breeding of world champion polo horses.

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Serve as trial counsel in cases involving claims under the Defend Trade Secrets Act.

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Won a defense verdict in federal court for a heavy metals supplier in a \$28 million breach of contract dispute.

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Represented an oil and gas producer in an arbitrated class action in Colorado.

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Won reversal of a \$3 million property appraisal award against American Family and disqualification of the plaintiff's national property appraiser as well as the umpire on grounds that they were not impartial and failed to disclose directly relevant financial incentives and relationships.

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### PERSONAL INJURY AND MASS TORTS

Won a defense jury verdict for a ski resort in a closely watched, \$97 million catastrophic injury case in Vermont.

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Served as trial counsel for high-profile cases in Colorado alleging elder abuse resulting in death for national nursing homes.

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Represented an international aerospace manufacturer in product liability cases stemming from aviation accidents.

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#### **WHITE COLLAR & INVESTIGATIONS**

Conducted an independent investigation for a Colorado mountain town over allegations of corruption launched by the owner of the local ski resort.

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Represented a national retail pet supply chain in an investigation by the Colorado Attorney General.

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Representing a hospital system in an investigation by the Colorado Attorney General.

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Representing a prison healthcare company in an investigation by the Colorado Attorney General.

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Represented an ambulance company in a high-profile death case being investigated by state criminal authorities.

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Represented a telecommunications company in a federal civil investigation concerning use of Chinese parts in strategic communications systems.

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Successfully represented a leading global chemical company in an investigation involving multiple federal agencies and international trade compliance issues. Voluntary self-disclosures were made to OFAC and BIS and neither agency elected to pursue civil penalties.

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#### **CRIMINAL (AS ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY)**

Successfully tried a case filed by a sitting county court judge in southern Colorado for alleged violations of the Privacy Act stemming from the conduct of FBI agents.

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Prosecuted a Mexican national for failure to pay child support resulting in the second highest award of restitution obtained by the United States Government in a federal child support prosecution. Habib was awarded the Inspector General's Integrity Award by the Office of the Inspector General of the Health and Human Services Department.

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Served as trial counsel for the Denver Mint in a sexual harassment and hostile work environment lawsuit based upon an alleged assault on a female employee by a supervisor.

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Litigated multiple issues of first impression in the District of Colorado concerning computer forensic evidence under the Adam Walsh Child Safety and Protection Act of 2006.

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#### **PRO BONO**

Obtained the voluntary return of abducted children from Germany on behalf of the left-behind father after filing suit under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.

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Won a Tenth Circuit appeal affirming our earlier trial victory for a pro bono client who brought claims involving violations of international kidnapping protections under the Hague Convention. The appeal affirmed the trial court's decision to order the child back to her home country.

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