

# Colleen M. Koch

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Colleen Koch represents clients in professional liability matters nationwide. She has served on jury and bench trial teams, where she has handled key witnesses. She has also has gained

valuable experience handling jury instructions, taking and defending depositions, and arguing motions in state and federal courts.

Prior to joining WTO, Colleen was a litigation associate at a full-service firm in Boulder. Before attending law school, Colleen dedicated six years to a career in secondary education, teaching middle and high school English and language arts.

Colleen's personal interests include cycling, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

## Credentials

### Education

University of Colorado Law School, J.D., Order of the Coif, 2017; *Colorado Law Review*, Managing Editor

Ohio State University, M.Ed., *summa cum laude*, 2008; Secondary Integrated Language Arts

Ohio State University, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2007; English, 2007

### RECOGNITION

Colorado Super Lawyers

"Rising Star" - Business Litigation, 2026

"Rising Star" - Professional Liability: Defense, 2025

### BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Colorado

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

U.S. District Court, D. Colorado

U.S. District Court, D. New Mexico

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Fairview High School Mock Trial Team

Attorney Coach, November 2021-Present

Boulder County Bar Association Civil Litigation

Section Co-Chair, September 2019-April 2022

### OTHER EXPERIENCE

Hutchinson Black and Cook, LLC

## ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

Co-Author, "Giving Davis its Due: Why the Tenth Circuit Has the Winning Approach in Title IX's Deliberate Indifference Controversy," 98 Denv. L. Rev. 307.

"Attorneys, Clients, and Necessary Third Parties: The Attorney-Client Privilege after Fox v. Alfini," Boulder County Bar Association Newsletter.

"To Catch a Catfish: A Statutory Solution for Victims of Online Impersonation," 88 U. Colo. L. Rev. 233.

## Practices

Appellate

Commercial Litigation

Healthcare Litigation

## Cases

Won a defense verdict in a medical malpractice jury trial alleging a medication for kidney stones caused a severe skin reaction, Stevens-Johnson Syndrome, resulting in catastrophic injuries and damages.

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Won a birth injury case for a hospital in New Mexico after plaintiffs sought more than \$40 million damages. Our team and co-counsel proved, through discovery, the minor plaintiff could not have been injured during labor or delivery, prompting plaintiffs' counsel to voluntarily dismiss the case.

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Won a pro bono victory lifting the unconstitutional banishment of a former Woodland Park School District employee from school board meetings and other property. The case restored our client's First Amendment rights and earned national media coverage.

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Representing a New Mexico hospital in a high-stakes malpractice case.

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Representing a Colorado oil and gas company in a high-value commercial dispute regarding well rights.

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Served as trial counsel for a class of over a thousand foster children in a three-week trial in Alaska federal court seeking systemwide injunctive relief.

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Won summary judgment concerning limitation of remedies in a commercial contract dispute in Colorado federal court.

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Successfully argued and won an opposition to a motion to stay in a federal civil rights case.

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Won summary judgment on issues regarding federal preemption of personal injury claims by federal railroad statutes.

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Won an appeal regarding the construction of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act.

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Served on a winning trial team for an eight-day trial regarding issues of adverse possession and prescriptive easements.

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Served on a winning trial team for a three-day trial regarding issues of adverse possession and boundary by acquiescence.

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Won summary judgment in a Title IX case in Iowa federal court.

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