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About Storytelling"

Nick Steverson defends law firms, healthcare institutions, and their professionals against high-exposure tort and commercial claims. Nick specializes in complex motions practice. He has briefed issues in both federal and state courts across the country, including amicus briefing before the U.S. Supreme Court. Additionally, Nick's courtroom experience includes examining witnesses at trial, arguing pre-trial motions and critical motions during trial, and negotiating jury instructions with opposing counsel and the court. In a six-month period, Nick's motions practice erased \$85 million in potential liability for his clients—after he won a directed verdict at trial to

dispose of a \$40 million punitive damages claim against a hospital, and won case-ending summary judgment to dispose of a \$45 million claim against an AmLaw 100 law firm.

Before joining WTO, Nick served as a law clerk and judicial extern to Chief Justice Brian D. Boatright of the Colorado Supreme Court, gaining invaluable experience in appellate litigation. Nick graduated as first in his class from the University of Colorado Law School, and his law school honors included the Order of the Coif, the Order of Barristers, and the Dean's List. He was articles editor of the University of Colorado Law Review, Vol. 93, and a member of the AAJ and All-Star National Challenge Mock Trial teams, the Colorado Law Academic Review and Planning Advisory Committee, and the Dean's Student Advisory Committee on COVID-19. Nick twice earned first place and Best Advocate in the Carrigan Cup Mock Trial. He also served as research assistant to Professor Aya Gruber, and teaching assistant to Professor Amy Griffin and Professor Amy Bauer.

Credentials

Education

University of Colorado Law School, J.D., Order of the Coif, 2022; Order of Barristers, Dean's List
Bates College, B.A., 2015, Dean's List, English, English Department Honors Program

CLERKSHIPS

Law Clerk for the Honorable Brian D. Boatright, Colorado Supreme Court

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Judicial Extern for the Honorable Brian D. Boatright, Colorado Supreme Court

Summer Intern, Civil Litigation Section, Denver City Attorney's Office

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Colorado
U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit
U.S. District Court, D. Colorado
U.S. District Court, D. New Mexico

LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS

Colorado Bar Association

Colorado Defense Lawyers Association

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project, University of Colorado,
Volunteer

Colorado Law Review Mentorship Program

Practices

[Appellate](#)

[Catastrophic Injury](#)

[Commercial Litigation](#)

[Healthcare Litigation](#)

[Legal Professional Liability](#)

Cases

Won summary judgment dismissal of legal malpractice claims filed in Oklahoma state court seeking tens of millions of dollars from an AmLaw 100 law firm. A panel of the Oklahoma Court of Appeals unanimously affirmed the result based on our briefing.

Argued and won a directed verdict to dispose of a \$40 million punitive damages claim in an admitted liability case where we represented a hospital. We successfully positioned the damages case for a verdict that was less than a tenth of the plaintiff's opening demand to the jury.

Won a motion to dismiss claims for legal malpractice and misrepresentation against an AmLaw 200 law firm.

Won a partial motion to dismiss claim for aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty against an AmLaw 20 law firm.

Defending a leading international law firm against claims for aiding and abetting an alleged Ponzi scheme.

Successfully excluded testimony by experts who improperly sought to bolster plaintiff's prior statements, in trial where we represented a hospital facing 8-figure exposure.

Represented a civil rights organization in certiorari and merits-stage briefing before the U.S. Supreme Court in a Fourth Amendment case with national implications.

Successfully excluded expert testimony in trial where we represented a hospital in a case involving a physician accused of abuse.

Representing an acute children's hospital in consolidated case from 40 plaintiffs involving criminal conduct allegations against a physician.

Conducted multiple pre-suit investigations into catastrophic injury claims brought by former patients at client hospitals and achieved favorable pre-litigation settlements of high-exposure claims.
