

ATTORNEY

Tanner J. Walls

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Tanner Walls is a trial lawyer who focuses on complex civil litigation. In this capacity, he regularly represents large corporations and small businesses in employment cases, class actions, contract disputes, business torts, trade secret actions, premises liability cases, subrogation matters, and consumer claims. He represented clients on large employment class actions and multi-district pharmaceutical litigation pending in federal courts as well as statewide coordinated proceedings across the country. Part of his practice involves providing employment law advice to employers and executives in middle market companies and businesses. He provides strategic advice to create proactive solutions for employee management. Additionally, Tanner defends professional liability claims and represents physicians and attorneys in regulatory and disciplinary matters.

Tanner's versatility as a trial lawyer and breadth of experience provides in-depth experience and expertise that informs his approach to every case and trial, as well as his role as a trusted advisor to his clients.

Since 2018, Tanner has been a member of the teaching faculty of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA), where he regularly teaches trial skills to NITA students. He is a frequent lecturer and speaker on the role of trial lawyers in sustaining the legal profession through leadership and mentorship on behalf of the Defense Research Institute (DRI), the Colorado Supreme Court's Attorney Mentor Program (CAMP), and the Colorado Defense Lawyers Association. He also presents on issues related to legal malpractice at seminars and continuing legal education courses.

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Civil Disputes
Commercial Litigation
Employment Litigation
Healthcare
Product Liability

EDUCATION

William Mitchell College of Law,
cum laude, *Denver Journal of International Law and Policy*
Staff Member
Colorado State University, B.A.,
cum laude

CREDENTIALS

Best Lawyers® Ones to Watch:
Commercial Litigation and
Corporate Law, 2024

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Tanner also devotes his time to professional organizations and local charities through his involvement with the Colorado Poverty Law Project and represents indigent clients pro bono in housing-related matters, helping at-risk individuals and families stay in their homes.

Prior to joining Moye White, Tanner gained experience as a partner and trial attorney at a national business firm serving Fortune 500 companies and entrepreneurs. There, he represented large corporations and small businesses in class actions, contract disputes, premises liability cases, business torts, and personal injury matters.

When he is not in courtroom, Tanner is either on his bike or snowboarding somewhere in the mountains of Colorado. He lives in Denver with his wife Alicia and their dog, Murphy.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Lead trial attorney on breach of contract action for real estate holding company and individual owners against cabinet manufacturer, resulting in judgment for client. Bench trial, Denver Dist. Court, 2021.
- Lead trial attorney on multiple arbitrations across the United States resulting from wage and hour class action lawsuit filed against national fast-casual restaurant chain. Every arbitration tried by Tanner resulted in a decision for the restaurant client. JAMS Arbitrations, Chicago, IL; Atlanta, GA; Charleston, SC, 2019-2020.
- Co-lead trial counsel for medical and commercial real estate brokerage in breach of contract, theft of trade secret, and reverse veil-piercing case. The trial resulted in six-figure judgment for client. Bench trial, Denver Dist. Court, 2018.
- Lead trial counsel for national food brand and manufacturer in jury trial for indemnification with bifurcated bench trial on damages. The trial resulted in jury verdict for client, and Court awarded more than \$300,000 in attorney fees and costs. Denver Dist. Court, Colorado, 2017.
- Co-lead trial counsel for national mortgage loan servicer and property preservation companies in seven-day jury trial on claims of negligence, respondeat superior, fraud, and civil theft. Jury trial, El Paso County, Colorado, 2016.
- Served as co-lead trial counsel for defense in five-day jury trial where plaintiffs requested \$500,000 in damages at trial. Jury trial resulted in a defense verdict for client. Jury trial, Fremont County, Colorado, 2015. Obtained summary judgment for international pharmaceutical company for lack of causation involving diabetes medication and allegations of heart-related injuries. U.S. Dist. Court of Colorado, 2014.

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AFFILIATIONS

Colorado Bar Association
Colorado Lawyers Committee,
School Expulsion Pilot Project
Colorado Poverty Law Project
Denver Bar Association
DRI - Lawyers Representing
Business, Regional Director
and Board Member
National Institute for Trial
Advocacy (NITA), Faculty

ADMITTED

Colorado
New York
Wyoming
U.S. District Court - District of
Wyoming
U.S. District Court - District of
Colorado
U.S. District Court - Southern
District of New York

- Represented international medical device manufacturer in personal injury suit involving product liability claim on medical device and medical malpractice resulting in dismissal of product liability claims against client following motion for summary judgment; case against co-defendant settled. El Paso County, Colorado, 2013.
- Served as second chair for defense in jury trial for legal malpractice case where plaintiffs requested \$1.5 million in damages at trial. Jury trial resulted in a defense verdict for client-attorney. Jury trial, Denver, Colorado, 2012.
- Served as second chair for defense in jury trial for medical malpractice case resulting from abdominal surgery and placement of synthetic mesh. The case resulted in a directed verdict for the client-physician. Jury trial, Adams County, Colorado, 2011.
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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter
“Enhance Creative Thinking Among Leadership Team”
DRI Leadership Conference, January 2020
- Presenter
“CAMP Pilot Project – Co-Counseling Civil Jury Trials”
CDLA Annual Conference, July 2016
- Presenter
“PED Talk”
National Mentoring Conference, May 2016
- Presenter
“Do’s and Don’ts of Legal Malpractice”
CDLA CLE, December 2012