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Shawn Neal helps clients litigate product liability, medical malpractice, and complex commercial disputes at the trial and appellate levels. She has served on four trial teams and second-chaired an arbitration. Shawn brings strong experience examining witnesses at trial, arguing dispositive motions, serving as lead counsel, and taking and defending depositions. Shawn is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* "Ones to Watch" for Commercial Litigation and in *Colorado Rising Stars* for Civil Litigation Defense.

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

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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

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

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

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

ADMISSIONS

Colorado
New Mexico

HIGHLIGHTS

- Won a unanimous defense jury verdict for Michelin North America in a \$66 million product liability trial in South Carolina.
- Representing a Fortune 200 consumer product manufacturer in a commercial dispute.
- Won dismissal for Skyjack in Pennsylvania District Court in a product liability matter involving alleged injury on a scissor lift. The case was dismissed on the basis of lack of personal jurisdiction.
- Representing a New Mexico hospital system in three medical malpractice cases.
- Representing a leading telecommunications company in commercial litigation matters.
- Won an arbitration award for a lawyer and law firm against malpractice claims related to a 2014 real estate deal.
- Served on a trial team for an investment company in a breach of contract dispute.

INDUSTRIES

- Automotive
- Consumer Products & Services
- Oil & Gas

PRACTICE AREAS

- Product Liability
- Healthcare Professional Liability
- Commercial Litigation

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BIOGRAPHY

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Prior to joining WTO, Shawn worked as a law clerk to The Honorable John R. Webb on the Colorado Court of Appeals. Before attending law school, Shawn dedicated eight years to a career in education and youth development, including teaching first grade.

CASES

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- Won an arbitration award for a lawyer and law firm against malpractice claims related to a 2014 real estate deal. Claimants asserted damages of \$3 million plus interest. The arbiter ruled for WTO's client and found that no malpractice occurred.
- Served on a trial team for an investment company in a breach of contract dispute.
- Serve as lead counsel to an automobile manufacturer in a personal injury matter.
- Represent Skyjack Inc. as national trial counsel in product liability cases involving aerial lift and boom equipment.
- Representing the manufacturer of a medical device as national trial counsel in product liability cases.

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- Represented Isuzu in a seven-day jury trial in federal court involving a dealer's claim for wrongful termination, declaratory judgment, breach of contract, and claims of violations under South Dakota statute regarding warranty reimbursement and parts mark-up rates.
- Served as lead counsel to beverage distributor in a personal injury matter.
- Defended a natural gas gathering company in a five-day bench trial in federal court involving a breach of contract dispute against a natural gas production company.
- 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 WTO's client from the lawsuit.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Colorado
New Mexico

LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- The Best Lawyers in America
 - Ones to Watch - Appellate Practice, 2022, 2023
 - Ones to Watch - Commercial Litigation, 2021-2024
 - Ones to Watch - Appellate Practice, 2024
- Colorado Super Lawyers
 - Rising Stars, Civil Litigation Defense, 2020-2024
- Defense Research Institute, Member
- Doyle Inn of Court, Member
- Colorado Bar Association, Member
- Colorado Women's Bar Association, Member

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Running, Professional Association of Dive Instructors Certified Divemaster