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Adam O'Brien is a trial lawyer focusing on complex commercial litigation; real estate and title disputes; product liability defense; construction litigation; and insurance disputes. Adam has represented sophisticated clients in more than a dozen jurisdictions throughout the country and has served as lead trial counsel in both state and federal courts and arbitration venues such as AAA.

While his practice focuses on trial work, Adam has also served as appellate counsel and has argued before the Colorado Court of Appeals, the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, and the Colorado Supreme Court. Adam has been recognized in Best Lawyers in America and Colorado Super Lawyers.

Representative Experience

Lead trial counsel in complex commercial litigation and significant injury cases.

Achieved summary judgment in three consolidated cases for Auto-Owners Insurance Company in the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado where Plaintiffs alleged insurance bad faith and claimed more than \$3,000,000 in damages.

Achieved defense verdict as part of trial team for product manufacturer in multi-week trial where deaths resulted from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Achieved directed verdicts in multiple cases, including on behalf of one of the world's largest food companies.

Achieved summary judgment and award of attorney's fees for national wine company sued by distributor after distributorship was terminated.

Achieved summary judgment for product manufacturers in multiple cases, including a component part manufacturer of an oil drilling rig and a manufacturer of GPS devices.

Representation of businesses in real estate and title insurance litigation; achieved summary judgment and published Tenth Circuit decision in favor of title insurance company in multi-million dollar access dispute.

Representation of insurance companies in breach of contract, bad faith breach of contract, and Colorado Consumer Protection Act cases; achieved summary judgment for clients in multiple cases.

Representation of developers, contractors, subcontractors, and material suppliers in construction litigation throughout Colorado.

Awards & Recognition

BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

Listed for Litigation - Insurance, Insurance Law, and Commercial Litigation
2025

SUPER LAWYERS COLORADO

Listed for Business Litigation
2024-2025

SUPER LAWYERS COLORADO

Rising Stars
2013-2020

Related Services

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Publications & Speaking Engagements

Non-Compete Agreements in Colorado: A New Era
The Colorado Lawyer
Vol. 51, No. 10, p. 30-35
November 2022

Preserving the Appellate Record at Trial: Balancing Trial Advocacy and Strategy with Preserving the Appellate Record
Moderator
IADC Webinar
January 27, 2021

Multi-Party Mediations: More Does Not Mean Merrier

Co-Presenter

IADC Webinar

September 26, 2018

Navigating Ethical Issues on Construction Files

Co-Presenter

IADC Webinar

May 23, 2017

Timeliness of Third Party Claims, Construction Claims

Author

Volume 2, Issue 1

2017

The Wrinkles in the Wrap, Construction Claims

Author

Volume 1, Issue 2

2016

The Forensic Accountant's Role in Injury Claims and Economic Damages

Presenter

CLM Greater Chapter

May 5, 2016

Waiving Bye-Bye to Your Attorney-Client Privilege, Association of Corporate Counsel

Panelist

Denver, Colorado

December 2, 2015

Education, Admissions & Activities

EDUCATION

University of Iowa College of Law

J.D.

Journal of Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems

Creighton University

B.A.

Philosophy

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado

2006

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States District Court

Colorado District

United States Court of Appeals

10th Circuit

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)

Colorado Bar Association

Colorado Defense Lawyers Association

Denver Bar Association

Defense Research Institute

Faculty of Federal Advocates