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Joyce Williams focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation and dispute resolution. She represents and counsels individuals and businesses of all sizes in various industries including franchising, real estate, construction, and cannabis. Joyce has first- and second-chair trial and arbitration experience and has successfully assisted clients in resolving a wide range of challenges including breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud and misrepresentation, negligence, and enforcement of trade secrets.

Notable Work

Complex Commercial Litigation: Represented prominent shoe distribution company and its managers in Colorado state court litigation brought by members who sought, among other things, an adverse inference award of over \$13 million. Second-chaired a five-day bench trial after which the court denied plaintiffs' claims and refused to award any damages.

Landlord/Tenant Litigation: Represented commercial tenant in breach of contract dispute brought by former landlord in Colorado state court. Second-chaired a three-day bench trial after which the court awarded the landlord less than 5 percent of the total requested damages.

Securities Litigation: Represented corporation and its board members in shareholder class action seeking rescission of, and alleged damages related to, a merger agreement. The Colorado state court granted defendants' motions to dismiss for failure to state a claim and lack of personal jurisdiction resulting in complete dismissal with prejudice and an award of attorneys' fees and costs.

Cannabis Litigation: Represented cannabis producer and retailer in breach of contract collections matter brought against customer and guarantor. The Colorado state court granted plaintiff's motion for summary judgment and entered judgment for the full contractual amount, plus interest, attorneys' fees and costs.

Areas of Experience

Litigation
 Commercial Disputes
 Construction Litigation and Dispute Resolution
 Product Liability and Mass Torts
 Intellectual Property Litigation
 Cannabis
 Equine Law
 Franchise and Licensing

Education

J.D., University of Wisconsin Law School, 2015,
Wisconsin Law Review, Senior Managing Editor
 B.S., University of Wisconsin, 2010, with distinction

Admissions

Bars

Colorado
 Illinois
 Wisconsin

Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
 U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

Related Content

Super Lawyers Names Akerman Lawyers in Colorado and Nevada
 March 13, 2024

112 Akerman Lawyers Across the U.S. Named to 2023 *Super Lawyers* and Rising Stars Lists
 September 28, 2023

Record Number of Akerman Lawyers Named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2024 Guide
 August 22, 2023

Trade Secret Litigation: Represented digital wholesale PPE marketplace in trade secret litigation. After the Wyoming Federal District Court denied opposing counsel's summary judgment motion, case resolved successfully.

Affiliations

- Colorado Bar Association, Member
- Denver Bar Association, Member
- Colorado Women's Bar Association, Member

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2022-2024, Listed in Colorado for Commercial Litigation, Construction Litigation, and Litigation - Banking and Finance as "One to Watch"
- *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2021-2024, Listed in Colorado as a "Rising Star" for General Litigation
- *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2019, Listed in Illinois as a "Rising Star" for General Litigation

Published Work and Lectures

- The Masters Conference, Speaker, "Modern Data and the E-Discovery Lifecycle," June 2022
- CBA CLE, Speaker, "Construction A-Z Part II: Soils and Site Selection," December 2020
- Co-Author, Brief for the Colorado Democratic Party as Amicus Curiae, *Colorado Dep't of State v. Baca*, 140 S. Ct. 2316 (2020)
- Co-Author, Colorado Methods of Practice, Chapter 56: Construction Disputes and Dispute Resolution (2020 and 2021 Update)
- Author, *Blight Prevention: The Use of Eminent Domain to Condemn Underwater Mortgages in Wisconsin*, 2014 Wis. L. Rev. 1231