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### EDUCATION

- J.D., Order of St. Ives, University of Denver
- B.A., The George Washington University

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Business Litigation
- Cannabis Business

### AWARDS AND HONORS

- Benchmark Litigation: Local Litigation Star – General Commercial Litigation and Real Estate Litigation, 2021 – 2024
- Best Lawyers®: Commercial Litigation, 2022 – 2024
- Chambers USA: Nationwide Cannabis Law, 2021 – 2023
- Colorado Super Lawyer: Business Litigation, 2020-2024; Rising Star: Business Litigation, 2012 – 2016
- Martindale-Hubbell Rating: AV® Preeminent™ (highest)
- *National Law Journal* Trailblazers in Cannabis 2018

### ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist, "Litigation Issues and Challenges in the Cannabis Sector," 7th Annual Cannabis Symposium, Colorado Bar Association, February 2023
- Author, "Why Don't Banks Accept Cannabis Funds?," Marijuana Venture, November 2021
- Panelist, "Series 301: Business Entity Litigation for Cannabis Businesses," International Cannabis Bar Association, June 2021
- Speaker, "Birds of a Feather – Trends in Cannabis Litigation," 2021 Ally Law Annual General Meeting, May 2021
- Panelist, "The Future of Cannabis Law," Colorado Bar Association, March 2021
- Moderator, "The Proliferation of Cannabis Litigation: Recent Developments and Top Issues Trending in the World of Cannabis Litigation," CBA-CLE Colorado Litigators' Summit, September 2020

- Co-Author, "[How the Cannabis Industry Can Be a Leader](#)," Marijuana Venture, March 2020
- Panelist, "Alternative Dispute Resolution," International Cannabis Bar Association, Cannabis Law Institute, October 2019
- Co-Author, "[The Evolving Legal Landscape of Employee Cannabis Use](#)," Marijuana Venture, August 2019
- Panelist, "Starting Up: Sowing the Seeds of Your Client's Success," MJBizConNEXT and MJBizHemp, The Cannabis Law Sessions, National Cannabis Bar Association, June 2019
- Panelist, "Initiating Litigation: Entity Disputes, Intellectual Property, Insurance and Other Claims," Cannabis Law Institute Conference, National Cannabis Bar Association, September 2018
- Panelist, "Defending Against: Products Liability, RICO, Dram Shop/Social Host, and Other Claims," Cannabis Law Institute Conference, National Cannabis Bar Association, September 2018
- Quoted, "[Higher Law: What to Ask Would-Be Clients?](#)," com, April 2018
- Quoted, "[Marijuana's Rapid Growth Could Put New Spotlight on Arbitration](#)," com, September 2017
- Co-Presenter, "Business Litigation: Practical advice in Cannabis Litigation," Cannabis Law Institute Conference, National Cannabis Bar Association, July 2017
- Co-Presenter, "Business Litigation: Lost Profits Claims," NBI Teleconference, November 2013
- Co-Presenter, "Daubert Motions: What To Do After Testimony Has Been Excluded," AICPA Forensic And Valuation Services Conference, November 2013
- Co-Presenter, "The Financial Expert And The Litigator: What To Expect And How To Get Along," AICPA Forensic And Valuation Services Conference, November 2013
- Co-Presenter, "How to Prove or Defend Lost Profits," Measuring Lost Profits in Litigation Conference, Colorado Society of CPAs and CLE of Colorado, December 2012
- Opinion: *Kowalchik v. Brohl*, 2012 COA 49, 2012 Colo. App. LEXIS 1279 (Colo. Ct. App. 2012)
- Co-Author, "[How New Rules Can Affect Your Business Lawsuits: Business Litigation Under the New Civil Access Pilot Project](#)," Moye White Opportunities & Challenges, December 2011
- Author, "[A Not-So-Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum](#)," Moye White Opportunities & Challenges, February 2011
- Opinion: *A Good Time Rental, LLC v. First American Title Agency, Inc.*, 259 P.3d 534 (Colo. App. 2011)
- Opinion: *Walter v. Walter*, 181 Md. App. 273; 956 A.2d 255 (2008)
- Author, "[Preventing Small Business Fraud](#)," Moye White Opportunities & Challenges, April 2008

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Colorado Attorney Mentoring Program, Mentor
- Colorado Bar Association
- Denver Bar Association
- Downtown Denver Partnership Leadership Program, 2016
- International Association of Defense Counsel, Member
- Mile High Business Alliance, Former Board Member
- Montgomery County, Maryland Chapter of American Inns of Court, Member

## ADMISSIONS

- Colorado
- District of Columbia
- Maryland