



Damian J. Arguello

- ❖ Founder of Colorado Insurance Law Center, a private law firm representing commercial and individual policyholders.
- ❖ Experienced insurance coverage attorney with over twenty-five years of experience in the insurance industry.
- ❖ Specific expertise in Colorado insurance law interpretation, litigation, recovery, and coverage disputes.
- ❖ Lecturer to the bench, bar, and private companies on legal issues related to the insurance industry.
- ❖ Seasoned Colorado insurance law expert witness providing high-level case review and trial testimony.

I am an advocate for insurance consumers. I founded Colorado Insurance Law Center to dedicate my twenty-five years of unique insurance experience to benefit commercial and individual policyholders. I'm an experienced insurance lawyer different from other insurance lawyers. I worked for over a decade in the insurance industry before law school and have been an insurance industry "insider." I regularly work with small to mid-sized businesses to prevent and resolve complex insurance disputes as expeditiously and advantageously as possible. I have also served as personal counsel for individuals and co-counsel for trial lawyers involved in litigation where insurance claims are an underlying issue.

COURT ADMISSIONS

- ❖ Colorado, 2004
- ❖ New Mexico, 2005
- ❖ U.S. District Court, Colorado, 2005
- ❖ U.S. District Court, E. Dist. of KY, 2006
- ❖ Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2016
- ❖ *Pro hac vice* in IL, CA, KY

EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law

- ❖ J.D. 2004
- ❖ Senior Staff Editor, DU Law Review

University of Denver

Daniels College of Business

- ❖ B.S.B.A. Management, 1990 (with honors)

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

- ❖ National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Trial Skills (2008), Depositions (2005)
- ❖ Certified Insurance Counselor (2002-2012)
- ❖ Associate in Risk Management (1996)



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- ❖ AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell, 2014-Present
- ❖ Recognized by Super Lawyers (Rising Star, Insurance Coverage Litigation), 2013, 2014
- ❖ AVVO Rating 10/10

BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association

- ❖ Tort, Trial & Insurance Section (Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee)

Colorado Bar Association

- ❖ Board of Governors, 2005-2007

Denver Bar Association

- ❖ Board of Trustees, 2007-2009

Colorado Hispanic Bar Association

- ❖ President, 2010; Treasurer, 2007-2009; Board of Directors, 2004-2012, 2014, 2016

Hispanic National Bar Association

- ❖ Member, 2009-Present

Colorado Trial Lawyers Association

- ❖ Active Member
- ❖ Bad Faith Committee
- ❖ *Amicus Curiae* Committee

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- ❖ Trusted Choice Colorado, 2017-Present
- ❖ Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Denver, 2017-Present
- ❖ Professional Liability Underwriting Society, Southwest Chapter, 2015-Present
- ❖ Risk & Insurance Management Society, Rocky Mountain Chapter, 2011-2016
- ❖ Professional Independent Insurance Agents of Colorado, 2010-2015
- ❖ Society of Certified Insurance Counselors, 2002-2012

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ❖ Daniels College of Business Alumni Advisory Board, 2015-Present
- ❖ Denver Urban Debate League Board of Directors, 2015-Present
- ❖ Law School *Si Se Puede* Mentorship Program, Mentor, 2014-Present
- ❖ Metro Volunteer Lawyers, Pro Bono Attorney, 2008-Present
- ❖ Colorado Lawyers Committee, Election Protection Volunteer, 2014
- ❖ Colorado Lawyers Committee School Discipline Taskforce, Volunteer, 2014-2015
- ❖ A Walk to Remember, Professional Advisor, 2012-2014
- ❖ University of Denver Sturm College of Law Professional Mentorship Program, 2004-2014
- ❖ Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Denver, Public Policy Committee, 2008-2013; Education Committee, 2000-2004



- ❖ March of Dimes of Colorado, Public Policy Committee, 2008-2012
- ❖ Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center, Volunteer Attorney, 2008-2009
- ❖ Adams County, Colorado, Election Judge, 2008
- ❖ Net Results Junior Tennis, Board Member, 2004-2007
- ❖ Big Brothers of Colorado, Big Brother, 2001
- ❖ Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce, Education Committee, 1995-1999

PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ "Ethical Considerations with Providing Insurance Coverage Advice to Cannabis-Related Businesses," American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee Midyear Meeting, February 24, 2017
- ❖ "New Law Firm Aims to Fill Colorado's 'Coverage Gap,'" Law Week Colorado, January 23, 2017
- ❖ "Certificates of Insurance: Five Things Construction Lawyers Should Know," Law Week Colorado, Vol. 14, No. 43, October 24, 2016.
- ❖ *Double Agents, Order-Takers, and Special Advisors—The Producer's Intriguing Role in Coverage Disputes*, ABA Tort, Trial & Insurance Practice Section Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee Newsletter, Spring 2016
- ❖ *Legal Lowdown – Quarterly Summary of Recent Colorado Insurance Cases*, Colorado Insurance News, December 2015
- ❖ *Non-Opinion by Colorado Supreme Court Could Increase Agents' Liability*, Colorado Insurance News, September 2015
- ❖ "Transferring Insurance Benefits In Corporate Transactions May Have Just Gotten A Little Easier, But It's Still A Tricky Task," Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP Client Alert, September 2015
- ❖ *Yours, Mine, Ours. Just Whose Agent is it Anyway?*, The SIRMon: News From the ABA Self-Insurers and Risk Managers Committee, June 1, 2012
- ❖ *Insurance Provisions of a Contract May be Fraught with Problems*, Denver Business Journal, April 17, 2012
- ❖ *Don't Count on Predecessors' Liability Policy*, Colorado Insurance News, August 2009
- ❖ *Corporate Successors Barred from Tapping Policies for Historic Liabilities?*, Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP Client Alert, June 2009
- ❖ *AI G's Financial Troubles: What Do They Mean For Me?*, Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP Client Alert, October 2008
- ❖ *Liability Insurance: Notice-Prejudice After Friedland*, The Colorado Lawyer, May 2006 (with Marilyn Chappell)
- ❖ *How to Deal with Mass-Tort Litigation and Stay Out of Hot Water Yourself!*, Resources Magazine, Summer/Fall 2005



- ❖ *Twenty Years in Tahoe-Sierra – Why It's Right and Why It's Not a Satisfactory Solution*, Denver University Law Review, 80 Denv. U. L. Rev. 199, (2002)

PRESENTATIONS

- ❖ To Err Is Human – But Actionable: Legal Issues for Producers in Achieving Effect Contractual Risk Transfers, Consolidated Agencies, May 18, 2017
- ❖ Double Agents, Order-Takers, And Special Advisors: Legal Issues Surrounding Producers, The Agency Network, May 4, 2017
- ❖ Drafting Insurance Requirement Provisions, Clear Law Institute, October 26, 2015; encore presentations January 19, 2016 and August 8, 2016
- ❖ Oilfield Master Service Agreement Fundamentals, Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP, December 3, 2015
- ❖ Cybersecurity Contracting and Liability: The In-House Perspective, Association of Corporate Counsel Colorado Chapter, November 12, 2015.
- ❖ Data Security: Fiduciary Duties & Risk Management, Colorado Bar Association Rocky Mountain Intellectual Property & Technology Institute, May 2015
- ❖ Drafting Insurance Requirement Provisions in Commercial Contracts – Mitigating Risk and Maximizing Coverage for Losses, Navigating Interplay With Contractual Indemnification, Strafford Publications Webinar, June 29, 2015
- ❖ Key Legal Developments, 2015 Professional Independent Insurance Agents of Colorado Leadership Conference, May 14, 2015
- ❖ Berkshire Hathaway's "Retroactive Reinsurance" – Systematic Bad Faith or Simple Risk Transfer?, American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee Midyear Meeting, February 2015
- ❖ Cybersecurity: Guidance for the Entire Enterprise, Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP, January 29, 2015
- ❖ Ins and Outs of Environmental Insurance in Brownfields Development, Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP, December 2, 2014
- ❖ Errors & Omissions – A Mock Trial, Professional Independent Insurance Agents of Colorado Leadership Conference, May 1, 2014
- ❖ Voices Crying in the Wilderness: Make Ye Straight the Path to Ethics and Reduced Legal Fees, American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee Midyear Meeting, February 21, 2014
- ❖ Cyber Crimes, Ethics & Social Media: What You Need to Know, 2013 Hispanic National Bar Association Annual Convention, September 5, 2013
- ❖ The Duties and Liabilities of the Insurance Broker in Coverage Litigation: Persistent Challenges, Emerging Issues, and Responsive Strategies for Agents, Brokers, Policyholders, American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee Midyear Meeting, February 15, 2013



- ❖ Intermediary Issues – Brokers and Agents in Coverage Disputes, American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee Midyear Meeting, February 21, 2012