



Michael Carrigan

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Michael represents companies and individuals in complex business disputes involving government investigations, privacy, and cybersecurity.

PRACTICES

Insurance Coverage and Risk Management
 Commercial Litigation
 Government Investigations and White Collar Defense
 Privacy and Information Security
 Securities Enforcement and Shareholder Litigation
 Compliance Services
 Banking Litigation
 Cybersecurity and Data Breach Defense
 Cybersecurity and Privacy

EDUCATION

University of Colorado School of Law, J.D., 1994
 Dean's Honor List
 University of Notre Dame, B.A., 1990
cum laude
 Dean's Honor List

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado

An experienced member of the firm's government investigations group, Michael focuses on both federal and state investigations, including by the Colorado Attorney General. A former Denver Senior Deputy District Attorney, Michael has tried over one hundred cases to judge and jury and has litigated civil and criminal cases in various federal and state courts, including the Colorado Court of Appeals, the Colorado Supreme Court, the US District Court for the District of Colorado, and the US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

Michael also advises clients regarding data breaches, privacy notifications, law enforcement investigations, and ransomware. Michael also has a national reputation as litigation and compliance counsel for numerous national and international internet retailers, including with regard to consumer protection issues.

As part of his dedication to community service, Michael served twelve years as a publicly-elected member of the University of Colorado Board of Regents. In 2012 and 2013, his colleagues elected him chair of the Board of Regents, which oversees the \$3.8 billion University of Colorado, the third largest employer in the state of Colorado. Michael has been interviewed on higher education issues by CNN, Fox News, The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, and other media outlets. In September 2014, Denver Mayor Michael Hancock appointed Michael to the city's Crime Prevention and Control Commission.

Michael clerked for the Honorable Clarence A. Brimmer, United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming.

CLIENT RESULTS

Representative Matters

Assisted nationwide retailer in breach and multimillion-dollar ransomware incident.

Led internal investigation into client data breach and resulting fraudulent payments.

Assisted client in investigating and reporting multimillion-dollar hacking/cyber fraud incident and coordination with law enforcement as part

of international investigation.

Multimillion-dollar verdict in client's favor following a two-week jury trial regarding breach of fiduciary duty claims.

Successful defense of trade secret and non-complete claims, resulting in complete vindication and recovery of attorney fees for client.

An insurance brokerage was sued by a former client for numerous claims and asserted damages over \$4 million. Following dismissal of certain claims through dispositive motions, Mr. Carrigan led a team through a nine-day jury trial, resulting in a total defense verdict after less than two hours of deliberations.

A state prosecutor charged a construction contractor with two counts of felony theft of project funds. Mr. Carrigan was hired after a court bound the case over after a preliminary hearing. Mr. Carrigan coordinated a presentation of evidence that led the prosecution to dismiss the case in its entirety. He then filed a federal lawsuit against the complaining parties and promptly secured a seven-figure policy limits settlement by their insurer.

A small software company was the subject of a federal lawsuit seeking a restraining order and more than \$10 million in damages. Within three weeks, the temporary restraining order was defeated and the adverse party agreed to withdraw its complaint and stipulated to a \$1 million payment to Mr. Carrigan's client.

PUBLICATIONS

"Federal Appeals Court Holds Data Breach Class Action Triggers Insurer's Duty to Defend under General Liability Policy," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 4/15/2016

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Cutting Edge Issues in Cybersecurity - What Every Director & Officer Should Know," *Panelist, Lockton Law Day*, August 17, 2017

"D&O Insurance - What you know can hurt you!," *RIMS Rocky Mountain Chapter*, February 23, 2017

RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Commercial Litigation, 2014-2021; Insurance Law, 2020-2021
- *National Law Journal*, Top Rated Insurance Lawyer, 2012
- Colorado Super Lawyers®, Business Litigation, 2009-2020
- Super Lawyers® Corporate Counsel Edition, 2010
- American Bar Association Leadership Academy, 2008, 2009
- Denver Bar Association, Richard Marden Davis Award, 2007
- *The Colorado Statesman*, Fifty for the Future, 2007
- 2006 Marshall Fellow: An international exchange program for

young business, community, and political leaders in the United States and Europe

- *Denver Business Journal*, Forty Under 40, 2005
- Colorado Institute for Leadership Training, Community Leadership Award, 2005
- Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, Chamber 100 Program, 2005
- *Who's Who in American Law* and *Who's Who in Emerging Leaders*

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- The National Institute for Trial Advocacy's Hanley Advanced Trial Program, the National College of District Attorneys' Career Prosecutor Course, and the Colorado Institute of Leadership Training, Graduate
- Completed a six-week intensive Spanish review course at the Maryknoll Language Institute in Cochabamba, Bolivia
- American Bar Association, Member
- Colorado Bar Association, Member
- Denver Bar Association, Member