



Maureen Reidy Witt

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Maureen has over 40 years of experience in cutting-edge, high-stakes, complex litigation locally and nationally.

PRACTICES

Business Litigation
Employment and Labor
Employment Litigation
Wage and Hour

INDUSTRIES

Pet Care
Healthcare

EDUCATION

Gonzaga University, B.A., 1977
English and German
magna cum laude

University of Notre Dame, J.D., 1980
Editor, *Notre Dame Law Review*

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado

She has first-chaired significant cases of first impression and precedent-setting trials and appeals. Her experience includes jury trials, bench trials, appeals, and alternative dispute resolution such as mediation and arbitration. She has tried cases in numerous jurisdictions across the country and has handled appeals in the Fourth, Seventh, Ninth, and Tenth Circuit Courts of Appeals. She is also admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. Maureen has argued before the Colorado Supreme Court, the Illinois Supreme Court, and the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Maureen leads the Products Liability team, co-leads the firm's International Arbitration team, and handles ICSID, ICC, ad hoc and other arbitrations throughout the world.

Although Maureen's experience spans a wide variety of subject matters, her primary areas of focus are product liability, labor and employment, and commercial litigation. Her product liability work has encompassed pharmaceutical and medical devices, blood and blood products, food and beverage, agricultural products, asbestos, oil and gas equipment, radiant heating systems, and numerous other products. She has led multi-week/month trials and negotiated national class action settlements. She has also handled cases involving business torts, personal injury and medical malpractice, antitrust, oil and gas, toxic torts, and other areas.

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Maureen was a law clerk for the Honorable Robert H. McWilliams of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. In 1992, Maureen was one of three nominees by the Governor for a judgeship on the Colorado Court of Appeals. Maureen served as Holland & Hart's Managing Partner from 1988 to 1991 and served on the firm's Management Committee from 2004 to 2006.

Maureen teaches annually at the National Institute of Trial Advocacy and lectures frequently on trial advocacy. She has published articles on topics related to trial advocacy, product liability, employment law, and other subjects.

Maureen has served the firm in a number of strategic leadership roles, including as the first female Managing Partner, and most recently as the Commercial Litigation Practice Group Leader.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Do You Recall? When and How to Issue a Product Recall, and How to

Handle the Aftermath," *Moderator, Women in Products Liability (WIPL) Regional Meeting, 10/20/2022*

"Navigating the Rules for Manufacturing Medical and Safety Equipment in Response to COVID-19," *Holland & Hart Webinar, April 16, 2020*

"Winning at Trial: 2019 Trade Secrets of Top Trial Lawyers - Direct Examination," *Colorado Bar Association CLE, November 2019*

RECOGNITION

- International Academy of Trial Lawyers, Fellow
- American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Litigation Counsel of America, Senior Fellow
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Labor and Employment, 2013-2023; Product Liability Litigation – Defendants, 2016-2023
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Lawyer of the Year, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants – Denver, 2017
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Lawyer of the Year, Litigation – Labor and Employment – Denver, 2015, 2023
- Top Litigator, *Law Week Colorado*, 2015
- Colorado Super Lawyers®, Top 100 Lawyers in Colorado, 2019-2022
- Colorado Super Lawyers®, Top 25 Women Lawyers in Colorado, 2007
- Colorado Super Lawyers®, Top 50 Women Lawyers in Colorado, 2012, 2019-2023
- Colorado Super Lawyers®, General Litigation, 2006-2013, 2016-2023
- Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent® Rating – Judicial Edition
- Martindale-Hubbell® Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers
- *Denver Business Journal*, Denver's Outstanding Woman in Business, 2007
- Catholic Lawyers Guild Lifetime Achievement Award, 2016
- National Association of Distinguished Counsel – Top One Percent
- *Lawdragon*, 500 Leading Litigators in America, 2022
- 2015 Client Satisfaction Award
- Global Who's Who Top Lawyers

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Alliance of Professional Women, Member
- American Bar Association, Member

- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- American Judicature Society, Member
- Catholic Lawyers Guild, Member
- Chair of the Board, 2012-2015; Board Member, 2000-2015; St. Mary's Academy
- Colorado Lawyers Committee, Executive Committee Member, Board Member, Chair's Roundtable
- Colorado Bar Association, Member
- Colorado Judicial Institute, Member
- Colorado Defense Lawyers Association, Member
- Colorado Supreme Court Commission on Jury Reform
- Colorado Women's Bar Association, Member
- Colorado Women's Bar Association Foundation, Board of Directors
- Defense Research Institute, Member
- Denver Bar Association, Member
- Diversity Law Institute, Member
- Faculty of Federal Advocates, Member
- National Association of Professional Women, Member
- National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Faculty Member
- Notre Dame Law Association, Board Member; Order of St. Thomas More, Chair
- Trial Law Institute, Member