



Ruth Moore is an experienced business litigation attorney whose practice focuses on appeals and critical legal issues. She brings strong analytical and legal writing skills to all of her cases, whether representing clients on appeal or co-counseling with trial attorneys on critical motions, framing and preserving issues, and posturing cases for appeal.

Before forming Moore Williams PLLC, Ruth practiced law at an AmLaw 100 firm, an energy law firm, and an entertainment litigation boutique, and ran a solo practice for several years. Ruth also serves as an arbitrator for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

Ruth has litigated a wide variety of business disputes over the course of her career, including breach of contract, business tort, intellectual property, First Amendment, California anti-SLAPP, and regulatory matters. She additionally briefs and consults on legal issues in criminal cases in collaboration with trial counsel.



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Notable Appeals

- Successfully represented a foreclosure law firm on appeal against the Attorney General's attempt to revive Colorado Consumer Protection Act claims that were rejected at trial.
- Successfully represented a gas gathering and processing company both in an appeal regarding contract interpretation and in a subsequent appeal concerning claim preclusion.
- Successfully represented a criminal defendant on appeal to uphold the county court's dismissal of charges based on police officers' failure to collect exculpatory evidence.
- Successfully challenged the validity of a municipal ordinance based on state-local governmental conflicts and statutory preemption, representing the client both in the district court and on appeal.
- Successfully represented an internet service provider in asserting statutory immunity and federal preemption against state-law claims seeking to impose liability for third-party content, including opposing certiorari in the United States Supreme Court.
- Successfully represented investors on appeal against a mutual fund's assertions that the investors' fraudulent inducement claims constituted derivative claims, rather than direct claims, and were arbitrable under the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards.
- In two different court-appointed representations, successfully represented applicants for disability benefits in appealing denials by the Social Security Administration.

Education

Columbia University School of Law, J.D., Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, 2001

Brown University, A.B. with Honors, 1998

Bar Admissions

Colorado

California

United States Supreme Court

United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

United States Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals

United States District Court for the District of Colorado

United States District Court for the Central District of California

United States District Court for the Eastern District of California

Trial-Level Experience

Ruth also draws upon her extensive litigation experience at the trial level. Before focusing her practice on appeals and briefing of critical issues, Ruth handled the gamut of trial-level litigation with a full range of motions, pleadings, discovery, investigations, negotiations, and settlements. Among other experience, Ruth:

- Litigated a wide variety of contract and other disputes on behalf of a public utility company, a pipeline company, and energy companies.
- Represented entertainment clients (television, motion picture, videogame) in numerous contract and intellectual property disputes in state and federal courts and in arbitration.
- Defended clients accused of misleadingly advertising a dietary supplement, ultimately negotiating settlements with the Federal Trade Commission and a consumer class for substantially less than the amounts claimed.
- Represented a television studio in litigating a royalties dispute regarding a popular children's television program, achieving a complete victory for the client at trial.
- Worked with criminal defense counsel in defending an employee accused of business crimes, including obtaining a dismissal of a significant count of the indictment based on the prosecutors' failure to disclose exculpatory information to the California grand jury.
- Successfully represented victims of a natural gas explosion in obtaining recovery for personal injuries and business losses.
- Defended a motion picture studio against consumer class actions based on alleged false advertising.
- Defended a grocery store chain against consumer claims alleging failure to post food warnings and miscalculation of refunds.

Honors

Colorado Super Lawyers, 2021

Colorado Super Lawyers Rising Stars, 2015 and 2016

Award for Outstanding Service to the U.S. District Court's Civil Pro Bono Panel, 2015 and 2019

Professional Affiliations

Colorado Bar Association,
Appellate Practice
Subcommittee
Colorado Bar Association Annual
Appellate Practice Update CLE
Planning Committee
Colorado Bar Association
Appellate Pro Bono Program
Screening Committee
Colorado Bar Association Civil
Appeals Clinic Advisory
Committee
Subcommittee on Diversity and
Inclusion to the Colorado
Supreme Court's Committee
on Continuing Legal and
Judicial Education
Colorado Women's Bar
Association – Diversity,
Equity, and Inclusion
Committee
United States District Court Civil
Pro Bono Panel
Faculty of Federal Advocates
First Judicial District Bar
Association
Grassroots Committee to Update
the Colorado Rules for
Magistrates

Community Involvement

Rotary Club of Conifer – Board
of Directors
Conifer Rotary Foundation –
Board of Directors
Destination Imagination – Team
Manager
Girl Scouts of Colorado –
Volunteer and former Troop
Leader
Book Club Warriors (Conifer/285
Corridor book club)