



## Matthew A. Holmes

**Shareholder: Civil and Commercial Litigation, Commercial Trucking Litigation, Bad Faith Litigation, Insurance Coverage, Insurance Defense Litigation**

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Matt grew up in Denver and attended Columbia University and Colorado College, where he received his undergraduate degree in 1988. Matt has been with Tucker Holmes, P.C. since he graduated from the University of Denver College of Law in 1991. His civil and commercial litigation practice includes the defense of personal injury, catastrophic injury, wrongful death, premises liability, product liability, auto and commercial trucking, and contractual disputes, as well as all aspects of insurance claims and coverage.

In addition to an exemplary trial record, Matt works hard to maintain a reputation among colleagues and clients as an attorney who is responsive, hard-working and well-prepared. Due

to the nature of his practice, Matt makes himself available to clients 24/7 in order to coordinate critical responses to high exposure accidents involving catastrophic injuries and fatalities. He holds a Martindale-Hubbell AV rating, which is the highest peer review rating given to attorneys. Matt is licensed to practice in all state and federal courts of Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming.

### Recent Representative Trial Results:

- *Ranum v. Bagdadi:* Auto accident resulting in catastrophic injuries to Plaintiff. Disputed liability for accident in which Defendant was making a left turn at an intersection controlled by a traffic light. Plaintiff was traveling towards the intersection from the opposite direction at an excessive rate of speed, not wearing his seatbelt, and after having admitted to rescue, law enforcement and medical personnel that he consumed edible THC before the accident. Colorado jury returned a defense verdict on liability. Affirmed on appeal.

- *Hayes v. Angel:* Auto accident resulting in personal injuries to Plaintiff, including multiple surgeries to the lower extremities, claimed need for future fusion surgeries to the cervical and lumbar spine, and alleged lost wages and earning capacity. Admitted fault, but disputed injuries and damages. Wyoming jury awarded damages for the undisputed acute injuries caused by the accident, rejected the claimed future cervical and lumbar surgeries, and awarded a nominal amount for lost wages consistent with the testimony of Defendant's expert at trial.

- *Tran v. Ricklefs & UPS:* Trucking accident resulting in personal injuries and traumatic brain injury to 14 year-old boy. Liability disputed at trial. Colorado jury returned a defense verdict on liability.

- *Rodriguez v. Ott:* Auto accident resulting in personal injuries to Plaintiff. Aggravated liability based on Defendant's DUI, and claim for punitive damages. Plaintiff's counsel requested a seven-figure verdict in closing argument. Colorado jury returned a low six-figure damages verdict, nominal punitive damages, and the matter was resolved post-trial without Defendant having to personally contribute towards satisfaction of the final judgment.

- *Manriquez v. Timmons & UPS:* Trucking accident resulting in personal injuries and traumatic brain injury to 16 year-old boy. The parties called experts at trial in the fields of accident reconstruction, neurology, psychiatry, radiology, life care plan, and vocational rehabilitation. Plaintiff's counsel requested a verdict in excess of \$21 million in closing argument. Defense counsel suggested a verdict slightly

in excess of \$100,000 in closing argument, which is what the Colorado jury awarded.

## Legal Experience

**Tucker Holmes, P.C.** 1991 - Present      Shareholder

Matt became a shareholder in 2001. His insurance defense practice focuses on auto and trucking accidents resulting in personal injuries, catastrophic injuries and fatalities, as well as premises liability, and product liability claims. He provides extensive consultation services to clients prior to litigation in the form of accident investigations, claim evaluations, and participation in mediations to reasonably resolve claims and eliminate his clients' exposure to litigation risks and expenses. Matt offers presentations to update his clients on developments in Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming law. He enjoys his role as a mentor for younger attorneys with the firm.

## Licenses and Associations

### **Licensed In:**

- State of Colorado
- State of New Mexico
- State of Wyoming
- US District Court, District of Colorado
- US District Court, District of New Mexico
- US District Court, District of Wyoming
- US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

### **Professional Associations:**

- American Board of Trial Advocates
- Colorado Bar Association
- Denver Bar Association
- New Mexico Bar Association
- Wyoming Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Colorado Defense Lawyers Association
- Federal Bar Association, State of Colorado
- Defense Research Institute
- New Mexico Defense Lawyers Association
- Colorado Claims Association
- Denver Claims Association
- Wyoming Defense Lawyers Association

## Education

Legal 1991

### **University Of Denver College Of Law**

Juris Doctor 1991.

Undergraduate 1988

### **Colorado College**

Bachelor of Arts, International Political Economics. National Spanish Honor Society and National Honor Society of the Social Sciences. Intercollegiate Football, 1985-87. Colorado Small College All-Stars and Honorary Captain.

Undergraduate      1984

### **Columbia University, Columbia College**

Intercollegiate Football.