

Julia Roberts

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Julia Roberts is a dual-qualified attorney in Colorado and Germany who brings a global perspective to high-stakes commercial litigation. With experience spanning private practice, government research and in-house counsel roles, Julia offers clients strategic insight grounded in a deep understanding of both legal risk and operational realities. She advises clients across sectors on litigation strategy and risk management, with a focus on complex contract disputes, class actions and other business-critical litigation.

At Polsinelli, Julia partners with trial teams to develop litigation strategies aligned with each client's business goals. She represents companies across industries in complex commercial disputes — including high-stakes contract matters and class actions — and has handled all stages of litigation in state and federal courts nationwide. Julia is particularly skilled at navigating challenging procedural issues, from class action certification and removal to standing and other civil or constitutional bars to suit. Clients value her ability to simplify complexity and chart clear, actionable paths forward in fast-moving or uncertain environments.

Julia's goal is not just to win cases, but to help clients avoid them when possible. She works proactively with businesses to identify risk early and develop tailored litigation-avoidance and risk-management strategies that support long-term growth.

Before joining Polsinelli, Julia served as counsel for a leading financial services technology company, giving her firsthand insight into the pressures and priorities facing in-house teams. This experience enables her to deliver legal advice that is practical, cost-effective and aligned with business objectives. Julia's blend of international training, litigation experience and industry knowledge allows her to provide sophisticated advocacy with a strong focus on client value and results.

Commercial Litigation and Compliance

Julia represents clients in a wide range of disputes, including:

- Complex breach of contract and related disputes
- Fraud, negligent misrepresentation and tortious interference claims
- Commercial disputes involving payment processors, banks and merchants

Capabilities

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation

- Data breach issues and related liabilities
- Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI-DSS) compliance issues
- Card Brand compliance issues

Beyond Litigation

Outside the courtroom, Julia develops strong working relationships with her clients. She provides strategic, practical guidance on all levels of management, helping optimize operational efficiency and identify opportunities to advance business goals.

Education

- University of Denver Sturm College of Law (J.D., 2019)
 - Law Review and Journal: Executive Editor at Denver Journal of International Law and Policy
- Hamburg Germany (Second Legal State Exam, 2012)
 - Clerkship in Hamburg and Berlin, Germany and Mumbai, India
- Humboldt University of Berlin Germany (First Legal State Exam, 2008)

Bar Admissions

- Colorado, 2020

Memberships

- Girls on the Run of the Rockies
 - Associate Board Member, 2025
- YMCA of Metropolitan Denver
 - Board of Directors
- American Bar Association
- Colorado Bar Association
- Colorado Women's Bar Association
 - Public Policy Committee

Recognition

- Participant, Polsinelli Trial Academy facilitated by NITA, 2026
- Metro Denver YMCA's Spirit of Philanthropy Award, 2025
- Named one of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* in Commercial Litigation, 2025-2026
- Best Draft Award and Runner Up Team Award — 2019 Denver University/Colorado University Transactional Competition

Languages

- German (Fluent)

Matters

- Successfully represented a payment card processor challenging the state of Washington's application of Business and Occupation (B&O) tax to taxing processors

for amounts related to the interchange fee portion of the full merchant discount which was listed as an estimated \$400 million receivable for past years' taxes alone.

- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of payment card processor on breach-of-contract claims.
- Litigated several federal and state interpleader actions for insurance company.
- Assisted in defense of numerous breach-of-contract and business tort cases in state and federal courts across the country on behalf of payment card processors and acquiring banks.
- Represented a leading financial services provider in antitrust litigation, challenging third-party subpoenas for competitively sensitive information.
- Successfully advised financial services provider on responding to subpoenas issued by third parties involving complex issues of privacy and regulation.
- Implemented strategies and processes to address the high volume of third-party UCC liens affecting financial services providers.
- Advised company with a large legal department on process optimization.
- Provided compliance advice to clients regarding the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards.
- Successfully represented client in landlord-tenant dispute including draft of complaint and temporary restraining order.