

# Richard M. Murray

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Richard Murray is a shareholder in Polsinelli's litigation practice who focuses on complex commercial and business disputes. He advises clients by first understanding their business objectives and how disputes or potential litigation may affect those goals. Richard represents clients in high-stakes litigation matters across multiple industries, including health care, products liability, and real estate and construction.

Richard has substantial experience handling complex litigation at both the trial and appellate levels and has successfully defended clients against multi-million-dollar claims. He is recognized for his legal ability and professional excellence with an AV® Preeminent™ peer review rating from Martindale-Hubbell®.

Richard has received numerous honors for his legal work and civic leadership. He is the 2026 recipient of the University of Colorado Law School's Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievement in Private Practice. He was the 2020 recipient of the prestigious Richard Marden Davis Award from the Denver Bar Foundation, recognizing lawyers under the age of 40 who demonstrate exceptional legal skill and leadership. He also received the Denver Bar Association's Young Lawyer of the Year Award in 2018 and Volunteer of the Year Award in 2024. In addition, Richard has been named one of the Top 25 Most Influential Young Professionals in Colorado by *ColoradoBiz* magazine, recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*®, selected ten times as a Colorado Super Lawyers "Rising Star," and named a "Compleat Lawyer" by *Law Week Colorado*.

Richard is deeply involved in leadership roles within the Colorado legal community. He was recently elected as Senior Vice President and as the 2028-29 President of the Colorado Bar Association. His service has also included:

- Chair, Colorado Access to Justice Commission
- Treasurer, First Vice President & Second Vice President, Denver Bar Association
- President, Continuing Legal Education in Colorado, Inc. (CBA-CLE)
- Chair, University of Colorado Law School's Law Alumni Board
- Board of Governors, Colorado Bar Association
- Executive Council, Colorado Bar Association Health Law Section

Before joining Polsinelli, Richard represented licensed health care professionals and

## Capabilities

- Commercial Litigation
- Health Care Litigation
- Health Care
- Litigation
- Public Policy
- Energy

facilities in liability, regulatory, and disciplinary board matters. Earlier in his career, he served as a judicial law clerk to Justice Nathan B. Coats of the Colorado Supreme Court and previously worked with Justice Allison Eid of the Colorado Supreme Court and Judge David Furman of the Colorado Court of Appeals. His experience also includes service with the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means, the Colorado House of Representatives (including work as a legislative aide), and the Denver City Attorney's Office, Municipal Operations Section.

## Education

- University of Colorado Law School (J.D., 2007)
  - Colorado Journal of International Environmental Law and Policy, Managing Editor
- University of Colorado Boulder (B.A., 2004)
  - Political Science, Philosophy, and Minor in Business Administration; Student Body President

## Bar Admissions

- Colorado

## Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- Supreme Court of Colorado
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

## Memberships

- Faculty of Federal Advocates
- American Bar Association
- American Health Lawyers Association
- Colorado Access to Justice Commission
  - Chair, 2023-2024
  - Secretary, 2019-2022
  - Appointment by the President of the Colorado Senate, 2015-2024
  - Commissioner Emeritus, 2025-present
- Colorado Bar Association
  - Executive Council of the Health Law Section, 2025-present
  - Board of Governors, 2011-2017, 2022-2024
  - Budget Committee, 2012-2015
  - Nominating Committee, 2012-2013
  - Colorado Bar Association Leadership Training Program, 2012 Graduate, 2013 Program Committee
- Continuing Legal Education in Colorado, Inc. (CBA-CLE)
  - President, 2017-2019
  - Board of Directors, 2016-2019
- Colorado Judicial Institute
- Denver Bar Association
  - Trustee, Board of Trustees, 2025-present
  - Treasurer, Board of Trustees, 2023-2024
  - First Vice President, Board of Trustees, 2015-2016, 2022-2023
  - Joint Management Committee, 2015-2016, 2022-2024

- Budget Committee, 2015-2016, 2022-2024 (Chair)
- Awards Committee, 2013-2016, 2022-2023 (Chair)
- Second Vice President, Board of Trustees, 2013-2014
- Barristers Benefit Ball Executive Committee, 2009
- Douglas-Elbert County Bar Association
- Historic Denver, Inc.
  - Board of Trustees, 2011-2016
- University of Colorado Law School, Law Alumni Board, 2015-2023
  - Chair-Elect, 2018-2019, Chair, 2019-2020, Immediate Past Chair, 2020-2021
  - Committees: Executive Committee, Nominating Committee, and Law Alumni Awards Banquet Committee (2019 Banquet Chair)
- University of Colorado Foundation
  - Trustee, 2022-present
- Phi Kappa Tau Foundation
  - Trustee, 2022-2025
  - Inaugural national class of “Phi Taus Under 40” Award, 2014

## Recognition

- University of Colorado Law School's Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievement in Private Practice, 2026
- Denver Bar Association's Volunteer of the Year Award, 2024
- Richard Marden Davis Award, 2020
- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*® for Commercial Litigation, 2021-2026
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating
- Denver Bar Association's Young Lawyer of the Year Award, 2018
- Top 25 Most Influential Young Professionals in Colorado by *ColoradoBiz* magazine, 2014
- *Colorado Super Lawyers* Rising Star, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021
- Recognized as a “Compleat Lawyer” by *Law Week Colorado*, 2014
- Fellow Emeritus of the Colorado Bar Foundation
  - Colorado Bar Fellows are selected based on prominence, reputation, standing in the legal community, outstanding contributions to the community, and contributions to advancing justice, and is an honor bestowed on only 5% of Colorado lawyers.
- Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation
  - ABF Fellows are elected based on outstanding leadership in the profession and service to society. Membership is limited to 1% of lawyers licensed to practice in the U.S. and its territories.
- Colorado Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Colorado Program, 2016
- Inaugural class of the *Emerging Leaders Build* program of Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver, 2015
- Former candidate/nominee for the University of Colorado Board of Regents (6th Congressional District), 2020

## Matters

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- First-chaired and prevailed at trial in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado against a company executive on Section 523 claims, including fraud and embezzlement. The court entered judgment in favor of the client in the amount of \$2,544,000, plus interest and costs.
- First-chaired a trial representing two hospitals against the State of Colorado relating to alleged overpayments for Medicaid services and prevailed on all claims.
- Prevailed on motion for summary judgment on behalf of two hospitals against the State of Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing on 22 claims of alleged overpayments for Medicaid services.
- Represented company in a multi-million dollar products liability case with international discovery needs.
- Represented contractor in a multi-million dollar oil pipeline construction dispute.
- Successfully obtained summary judgment against \$3.7 million of alleged debt which was affirmed by the Colorado Court of Appeals.
- Successfully obtained judgment against former CEO as a sanction for violation of discovery rules and successfully defended against motion to set aside the judgment.
- Represented company executives and employees and prevailed on motions to dismiss all claims with prejudice.
- Successfully obtained judgments against two companies for more than \$1.6 million in damages.
- Successfully defended case arising from intellectual property and contract dispute over a technology license agreement in which over \$31,000,000 was claimed as damages against the client.
- Represented hospitals, health systems, and laboratories in Medicaid overpayment and recoupment appeals in multiple states.
- Represented physician in end-of-employment dispute over compensation with medical center.
- Represented hospital in wrongful termination litigation with former medical director.
- Obtained dismissal of numerous complaints and investigations against physicians and other practitioners by state medical boards.
- Successfully moved to quash subpoenas served on hospitals for patient medical records.
- Represented law firm and attorneys in a case involving claims of abuse of process and malicious prosecution and prevailed on motion to dismiss all claims with prejudice.
- Authored the amicus curiae briefs in the Colorado Supreme Court and Colorado Court of Appeals published cases of *Vallagio at Inverness Residential Condominium Association, Inc. v. Metropolitan Homes, Inc.* The amicus curiae briefs—“friend of the court” briefs—were filed on behalf of a coalition of developers, chambers of commerce, trade organizations, and business organizations, and presented arguments that declarations requiring declarant consent prior to the removal of an arbitration provision are valid and enforceable under the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act (CCIOA). In the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals opinions, the CCIOA issues echoed the arguments presented in the amicus briefs. The Supreme Court’s published decision addressed a major issue in construction defect law that legislative efforts had failed to accomplish—if a declaration contains a provision requiring the declarant’s consent to remove an arbitration clause, that requirement is enforceable.

# Publications

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December 5, 2025

**Autism Therapy Providers Fight Medicaid Rate Cuts in Court**

*Quoted, Behavioral Health Business*

October 30, 2025

**Honorees Announced for 45th Annual Colorado Law Alumni Awards Banquet**

*Featured, Colorado Law*

February, 2021

**Profiles in Success: Polsinelli Attorney Receives 2020 Richard Marden Davis Award**

*Featured, Colorado Lawyer*

April 21, 2020

**Q&A: Law Alumni Board Chair Richard Murray ('07)**

*Featured, Amicus, University of Colorado Law School*

July 2017

**Colorado Supreme Court Repairs Defect in Construction Litigation Law**

*Featured in Colorado Real Estate Journal*

June 5, 2017

**Colorado Supreme Court Decision Issues Landmark Ruling on Construction Defects Issue**

May 2016

**Appeals Court Takes One Step Forward and One Step Back on Construction Defects**

*Colorado Real Estate Journal; Multifamily Properties Quarterly*