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Practice Areas

- Healthcare
- Labor & Employment
- Litigation
- Malpractice Defense

Admissions

- Colorado
- Wyoming
- United States District Court, District of Wyoming
- United States District Court, District of Colorado

Education & Honors

- William Mitchell College of Law, cum laude, J.D. 2014
- Colorado State University, cum laude, B.A

Associations

- Colorado Defense Lawyers Association
- Past Board Member and Chair, Young Lawyers Committee
- Defense Research Institute
- Colorado Bar Association
- Denver Bar Association

Tanner Walls is a trial lawyer who focuses on complex civil litigation. Tanner primarily represents corporations and businesses in civil disputes, with an emphasis on employment litigation, class actions, product liability actions, and commercial litigation. In this capacity, Tanner regularly represents large corporations and small businesses in class actions, contract disputes, premises liability cases, subrogation matters, business torts, trade secret actions, and consumer claims of all kinds. He has also represented clients on large employment class actions and multi-district pharmaceutical litigation pending in federal courts as well as statewide coordinated proceedings across the country. Additionally, Tanner has defended professional liability claims and represented physicians and attorneys in regulatory and disciplinary matters.

Tanner's versatility as a trial lawyer and breadth of experience provides a unique background that informs his approach to every case and trial, as well as his role as a trusted advisor to his clients.

Tanner is a frequent lecturer and speaker on the role of trial lawyers sustaining the legal profession through leadership and mentorship on behalf of DRI, the Colorado Supreme Court's Attorney Mentor Program (CAMP), and the Colorado Defense Lawyers Association. He has also presented on issues related to legal malpractice at seminars and continuing legal education courses.

Tanner also devotes his time to professional organizations and local charities through his involvement with the Colorado Poverty Law Project and represents indigent clients pro bono in housing-related matters, helping at-risk individuals and families stay in their homes.

When he is not in the office, Tanner is either on his bike or snowboard somewhere in the mountains of Colorado. He lives in Denver with his wife Alicia and their Bernese Mountain Dog, Barkley.

Professional Experience

- Tucker Ellis LLP, Associate, 2013 to 2017
- Jaudon & Avery LLP, Associate, 2009 to 2013