



Bruce A. Montoya

Partner

6465 S Greenwood Plaza Blvd, Suite 650
Greenwood Village, CO 80111
bmontoya@messner.com
303.405.4184 *direct* | 303.623.1800 *main*

Practice Areas

- Healthcare
- Litigation
- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Retail, Restaurants & Hospitality

Admissions

- Colorado
- U.S. Court of Appeals of the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals of the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals of the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. District Court of Colorado
- U.S. Supreme Court

Education & Honors

- University of Denver, J.D., 1984
- University of Colorado, B.A., 1978

Associations

- American Bar Association
- American Board of Trial Advocates
- Colorado Bar Association
- Colorado Defense Lawyers Association
- Denver Bar Association
- Hispanic Bar Association
- International Society of Barristers
- International Society of Defense Counsel
- National Health Care Lawyers Association

Mr. Montoya manages the Litigation Practice Group and has over thirty years' experience as a trial lawyer. He has participated in more than eighty trials and arbitrations. He has successfully defended numerous complex civil litigation matters, including high-exposure and class-action cases. He also has expertise in providing risk-management advice to corporations.

In 2006, Mr. Montoya was elected to the executive committee of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) and recently undertook the office of President for 2017. ABOTA is an organization with a primary mission of preserving the constitutional vision of equal justice for all Americans and our civil justice system. A select group of Colorado lawyers are currently ABOTA members. ABOTA is an invitation-only organization consisting of lawyers who have tried a minimum of 20 civil jury trials to conclusion.

Recognized as a leader by his peers, Mr. Montoya was inducted into the International Society of Barristers in 2002 and recently named to the Board of Governors. Only a handful of attorneys throughout the United States are nominated and elected into this national society each year. As a member of the Society, Mr. Montoya joins an exclusive list of preeminent attorneys in the country. He also became a member of the International Society of Defense Counsel in 1997 and has been on the teaching faculty for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) for over ten years.

Mr. Montoya is also AV certified with Martindale-Hubbell. This peer review rating attests to a lawyer's legal ability and professional ethics and reflects the confidential opinions of members of the Bar and Judiciary. This is the highest rating possible for attorneys to achieve with 10 years or more experience. He has maintained this certification for over 20 years.

Community Involvement

- Mr. Montoya serves on the Board of Directors for Mount Saint Vincent Home, which has "cared for needy children and their families since 1883. It was founded by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth (Kansas) as an orphanage." Mr. Montoya co-founded the Hate Violence Task Force, a program of the Colorado Lawyers Committee that produces over 100 mock trials a year in Colorado middle schools and high schools to educate the community about crimes related to race, gender, religion and ethnicity.
- Mr. Montoya has worked as a volunteer lawyer for the American Bar Association's Post-Conviction Death Penalty Project.