



## Michelle L. Harden

As part of the firm's Litigation, Crisis Management, and Health Law Practice Groups, Ms. Harden represents individuals and businesses, large and small, striving to identify common sense solutions for difficult problems. Having a background in nursing and working as a nurse paralegal prior to attending the University of Colorado Law School, Ms. Harden brings a unique perspective and expertise to her practice. She has an active litigation and trial practice, appearing in state, federal, and administrative courts. She serves as a trusted advisor to many clients on a wide variety of topics and serves as outside counsel for several businesses including a large publicly traded company overseeing litigation throughout the United States.

Beyond litigation, Ms. Harden assists and counsels clients in regards to crisis prevention and crisis management, food safety, audits and investigations on issues including data security (including pre-breach regulations and post-breach investigations and audits) and has counseled clients facing private claims arising from data-related issues. She has a strong focus on HIPAA, including Meaningful Use compliance and audits. Finally, she maintains a very active practice representing health care providers before licensing boards, including the Board of Medical Examiners, the Board of Nursing and other credentialing entities, including administrative law hearings on licensing issues.

Martindale-Hubbell has certified Ms. Harden as AV-Preeminent, a testament to the fact that her peers rank her at the highest level of professional excellence. She has also been recognized by 5280 as a Top Lawyer in Denver in 2016 and 2017 as well as a Colorado Super Lawyer in 2017 and Colorado Super Lawyer Rising Star from 2012-2014.

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**Title:** Partner

### Practice Groups:

- Crisis Management
- Healthcare
- Litigation
- Restaurant & Hospitality

### Admitted to Practice:

- Colorado, 2005
- United States District Court, District of Colorado, 2005
- 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, 2010

### Education:

- University of Colorado, J.D. 2005
- Colorado Christian University, B.S. 2001, *magna cum laude*

### Associations:

- American Bar Association
- Colorado Bar Association Health Law and Litigation Sections
- American Health Lawyers Association
- International Association for Food Protection
- The Federalist Society
- California Restaurant Association
- National Retail and Restaurant Defense Association (NRRDA)

### Prior Professional Experience:

- Extern, Governor Bill Owens, Spring 2005