

Michael Kotlarczyk

Experience

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE | 20TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT | 2024 –

Appointed to state trial court of general jurisdiction. Manage civil, criminal, domestic relations, and probate dockets.

ASSISTANT SOLICITOR GENERAL | COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE | 2024 – 2024

SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL | COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE | 2022 – 2024

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL | COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE | 2019 – 2022

Work on small team to represent state elected officials—including the Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and Treasurer—other executive agencies, and the state judiciary in litigation and appeals in state and federal court

Provide legal advice to elected officials, boards, commissions, other executive branch departments, and the judiciary

ATTORNEY | DAVIS GRAHAM & STUBBS LLP | 2015 - 2019

ATTORNEY | REILLY POZNER LLP | 2010 - 2015

Engaged in a nationwide complex commercial litigation practice in a wide array of subject matters, including contract disputes, business torts, oil and gas, capital markets litigation, insurance disputes, internal investigations, and criminal

Advised clients in developing and implementing effective strategies to achieve their goals

Participated in trials, hearings, arbitrations, and appellate arguments nationwide

Deposed and defended depositions of lay and expert witnesses

CLERK TO HON. DAVID EBEL | U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE 10TH CIRCUIT | 2009 - 2010

CLERK TO HON. REBECCA PALLMEYER | U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE N. DIST. OF ILL. | 2008 - 2009

Education

JURIS DOCTOR | 2008 | GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

Magna cum laude: GPA 3.75 (top 5%)

Dean's Scholar (full tuition merit-based scholarship)

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Editor, Georgetown Law Journal

Received highest score in the class for two classes (Securities Regulation and Legal Practice: Writing/Analysis)

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HISTORY AND POLITICS) | 2004 | DRAKE UNIVERSITY

Summa cum laude: GPA 3.97 (University Honors)

Phi Beta Kappa

Carpenter Scholar (full tuition merit-based scholarship)

Outstanding Senior in Political Science (top student as voted by faculty)

Honors

Selected as a Rising Star in Colorado Super Lawyers, 2014-19

Recipient of the Colorado Lawyers Committee Special Recognition Award and the Visionaries in Action Award from the GLBT Community Center of Colorado for work on Marriage Equality cases, 2015

Community Service

Board of Directors, New Legacy Charter School (Co-Chair, Treasurer, 2017 – 2024)

Member of City of Lafayette Historic Preservation Board (2014-16)

Represented pro bono clients in immigration, criminal, civil rights, and other areas