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Overview

Jacob Hollars is an appellate and trial lawyer specializing in real estate, land use, special district, and commercial matters in Colorado and across the nation.

As an experienced appellate and trial attorney, Jacob is committed to delivering clear, effective advocacy that resonates with judges, juries, and clients alike. His practice thrives on a dedication to precision and the power of plain English, crafting concise arguments that cut through complexity to focus on what matters most.

Whether in the courtroom or in briefs, Jacob understands that the essence of compelling legal communication lies in clarity. He takes pride in turning nuanced legal issues into straightforward, persuasive narratives. This approach not only strengthens his advocacy but also builds trust with clients and respect in the legal community.

Jacob represents clients through all phases of litigation, including appeals, on a wide variety of matters in both state and federal courts. He has significant experience litigating on behalf of businesses in commercial, real estate, and consumer protection matters.

Jacob also represents landowners in challenging land use and zoning determinations of local governments. He has successfully challenged and overturned a county's land use decision in an appeal to the Colorado Court of Appeals presenting an issue of first impression.

In addition, Jacob has experience representing contractors in construction defect claims and employers facing wage and hour and retaliation claims.

Education

- Saint Louis University School of Law, 2014 (J.D.), *cum laude*
- University of Illinois, 2011 (B.A.), *with distinction*

Bar Admissions

- Colorado, 2016
- Illinois, 2015
- Missouri, 2014

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

Community Involvement

- Bootstraps, Inc., Board of Directors, 2024–Present

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Ones to Watch, Litigation – Construction, 2021–2026; Commercial Litigation, 2021–2026; Litigation – Labor and Employment, 2026; Litigation – Real Estate, 2026
- Phi Delta Phi Legal Honor Fraternity
- Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Fraternity
- Academic Excellence Awards in Contracts I, Antitrust, and Real Estate Transactions
- *Saint Louis University Public Law Review*, Articles Editor of the Year, 2013–2014

Memberships

- Colorado Bar Association
- Denver Bar Association
- Judge William E. Doyle Inn of Court
- Faculty of Federal Advocates
- Tenth Circuit Historical Society

Presentations and Publications

- ["Eviction: Court Withdraws Opinion Setting Jury Trial Rights,"](#) *Colorado Real Estate Journal*, February 2025
- ["Colo. Anti-SLAPP Cases Highlight Dismiss Standard Disparity,"](#) *Law360*, February 2025
- ["You Were Warned: Colorado Court of Appeals Outlines Potential Sanctions for Misuse of Generative AI,"](#) *Law Week Colorado*, January 2025
- ["Colorado Supreme Court Withdraws Opinion Establishing Jury Trial Right in Eviction Proceedings,"](#) *Law Week Colorado*, December 2024

- ["CO Supreme Court: Public Entities Can't Deny Open Records Requests from Opposing Litigants,"](#) *Law Week Colorado*, December 2024
- ["10th Circuit Joins List of Appeals Courts Limiting Certain Appellate Jurisdiction,"](#) *Law Week Colorado*, November 2024
- ["Waiver of CGIA Immunity: What Structures Are a Building,"](#) *Colorado Real Estate Journal*, May / June 2024
- ["Colorado Supreme Court Holds Alleged Violations of Colorado Fair Housing Act May be Asserted as Affirmative Defense in Residential Evictions,"](#) *Law Week Colorado*, March 2024
- ["Colorado Supreme Court Clarifies What Structures are a 'Building' for Purposes of Waiver of CGIA Immunity,"](#) *Law Week Colorado*, February 2024
- ["FTC's New CARS Rule Imposes Added Requirements on Auto Dealers,"](#) *Digital Dealer*, February 2024
- ["Mind the RAP: Colorado Court of Appeals Decision Reiterates Importance of the Rules of Appellate Procedure,"](#) *Law Week Colorado*, January 2024
- ["No More Working For The Weekend: Colorado Statutes Of Limitations No Longer Extended If Limitations Period Ends On Weekend Or Court Holiday,"](#) *Colorado Banker*, August 2023
- ["Colorado Supreme Court to Consider Whether Housing Discrimination and Retaliation Can Be Used as Affirmative Defenses in Eviction Proceedings,"](#) *Law Week Colorado*, July 2023
- ["Colo. Eviction Case Could Transform Tenant Rights,"](#) *Law360*, July 2023
- ["U.S. Supreme Court Holds That Plaintiffs Must Suffer Concrete Harm to Sue in Federal Court,"](#) *ACA International*, July 2021

Related Experience

- Successfully defended a challenge to petition signatures gathered by a candidate for a statewide office in Colorado.
- Obtained unanimous jury verdict in favor of a skilled nursing facility in federal court in a case involving claims of federal and state wage and hour law violations and retaliation.
- Obtained summary judgment in Missouri state court on behalf of an insurer in a third-party coverage claim involving issues of failure of notice and several exclusions to coverage.
- Represented a small business in Southwest Missouri through trial of a substantial premises liability claim involving allegations of permanent disability and sizeable claim for future lost wages and medical care.
- Represented a major insurance company in a case involving claims of breach of contract and vexatious refusal to pay arising out of a fire loss in which the plaintiff claimed a total loss.
- Obtained dismissal of numerous counterclaims brought against a real estate developer by district alleging fraud and civil conspiracy. *Stratus Amber Creek, et al. v. Amber Creek Metro. Dist.*
- Affirmed denial of district's motion to dismiss asserting governmental immunity. *Verona Building Co, LLC v. Centennial Water & San. Dist.*
- Obtained dismissal of claims of wrongful termination and privacy violations by disclosure of personnel file brought against police chief and city. *Rosenblatt v. Wilson.*
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of hospital and medical debt collector on claims of violation of the FCRA and Colorado Consumer Protection Act alleging hospital overcharged patient. *Fadul v. Sky Ridge Medical Center, et al.*
- Obtained partial summary judgment in favor of a debt collector on claims under the FDCPA that the debt collector attempted to collect a debt the plaintiff did not owe and that the debt collector improperly communicated with the plaintiff by sending her a written acknowledgment that it had received her written dispute letter. *Lupia v. Medcredit, Inc.*
- Obtained reversal of judgment in favor of county in a C.R.C.P. 106 action involving an issue of first impression concerning the meaning of the term "new water use" under C.R.S. § 29-20-103(1)(b). *Hajek v. Bd. Of Cty. Comm'rs for Boulder Cty.*
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of a debt collector on claims under the FDCPA and TCPA alleging that the debt collector placed harassing calls to the consumer and called her after she had asked it to stop calling her. *Young v.*

Medicredit, Inc.

- Obtained summary judgment in favor of a debt collector on claims under the FDCPA alleging that the debt collector's initial "dunning" notices on two separate debts were deceptive. *Reynolds v. Medicredit, Inc.*
- Affirmed summary judgment on behalf of a metropolitan district in a contract dispute because the contract was not subject to annual appropriations. *Falcon Broadband, Inc. v. Banning Lewis Ranch Metro. Dist. No. 1, et al.*
- Obtained an order directing Secretary of State to validate 437 petition signatures that were previously rejected, permitting candidate for statewide office to stand for primary election. *Lawrence, et al. v. Wayne W. Williams, in his Official Capacity as the Colorado Secretary of State.*
- Obtained unanimous jury verdict in favor of a skilled nursing facility in federal court in a case involving claims of federal and state wage and hour law violations and retaliation. *Vidal v. AHC of Aurora.*