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EDUCATION J.D. West Virginia University

Deva is a Member of the firm of Steptoe & Johnson in the Denver office where he maintains a diverse litigation and counseling practice. Deva is the Practice Group Leader for the firm's Professional Liability Group, which assists professional liability clients on a national scale. He is known for his ability to craft creative, out of the box solutions to client problems. Deva uses his skills to help manage clients' stress and worry by partnering with them to quickly evaluate the situation and develop the appropriate course of action to solve today's problem, while understanding the implications actions of today may have on the future of the client's business.

If litigation is necessary, Deva uses his creative approach to defend clients at trial, manage litigation and discovery, and negotiate. Having been located in multiple shale plays, Deva has a variety of experience protecting the interests of energy companies in litigation involving contract, tort, and operational issues. He also focuses on the defense of claims involving significant injury and death. He has extensive experience defending physicians, nursing homes, nurses, and hospitals, and he has also defended attorneys in legal malpractice and breach of fiduciary duty claims. He regularly manages e-discovery matters and other document intensive cases.

As the Professional Liability Practice Group Leader, head of the firm's Litigation and Labor Associate Training Committee, and member of the Paralegal Committee, Deva strives to train younger professionals on the importance of client service. When he is not at the office, he loves to ski, hike, run, bike, and enjoy the outdoors with his family. He is a frequent visitor to the mountains of Colorado and Utah.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY:

Defended long term care facilities in wrongful death and resident care litigation in three different states

Represented numerous physicians in medical malpractice actions in multiple states

Represented hospitals and physicians in medical malpractice litigation and at trial

Successfully obtained enforcement of arbitration agreements between long term care facilities and patients

Defended long term care facilities in arbitration matters

Represented physician in dispute over control of partnership and allegations of mismanagement

Successfully defended attorneys in legal malpractice claims

Defended trustees and other fiduciaries in claims relating to estate and trust administration

ENERGY LITIGATION:

Coordinated settlement of litigation with multi-million dollar exposure involving ownership of interests in oil and gas wells

Successfully defended operators in lawsuits alleging improper deduction of post-production expenses

Tried case to the court in \$1.5M plus breach of contract dispute over Joint Operating Agreement obligations between two energy companies

Prosecuted, defended, and resolved multiple declaratory judgment, quiet title, contract and other damages actions arising out of title disputes, oil and gas contracts, and oil and gas operations

Represented company in wrongful death litigation involving workplace accident in coal mine

Counseled energy company regarding litigation challenging leasing rights

GENERAL/COMMERCIAL LITIGATION:

Defended government agencies and municipalities in governmental liability claims, including civil rights, employment, and personal injury claims

Argued on behalf of government agency before Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia

Litigated many document intensive cases involving complex document production issues, and cases with e-discovery issues

Significant litigation and negotiation experience in a wide variety of tort claims representing both individual and corporate defendants

Represented members of limited liability company in fraud and breach of contract claims over representations made prior to investment

WORK EXPERIENCE

2008 Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

RECENT PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

CMS Ban on Nursing Home Arbitration Agreements on Hold for Now

Energy Webcast - "Colorado, North Dakota, and Wyoming Oil and Gas Update"

"Developments in Colorado, North Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana Law, Which Could Impact Lease and Title Analysts," National Conference, National Association of Lease and Title Analysts September 2018

Deva Solomon & David R. Little, "To Speak with the Lawyers, Press 2: An Interactive Discussion Introducing the Litigation Process, Current Hot Topics, and How Engineers Can Help Reduce Risk," Society of Petroleum Engineers International (Denver Chapter), May 2017

Deva Solomon & David R. Little, "The Lawyers are at it Again: How to Save Your Lease when Operations are Shut Down and Associated Issues," Denver Association of Lease and Title Analysts Spring Seminar, May 2017

"An Introduction to Nuisance Law Across the Country as Applied to Large Industrial Facilities", Nat'l Association of Railroad Trial Counsel, February 3, 2017, Snowmass, CO

Deva Solomon & David R. Little, "Litigation 101 for Lease and Title Analysts," Denver Association of Lease and Title Analysts, April 2016

William E. Galeota & Deva Solomon, "Meeting the Risk Management Challenges of Electronic Medical Records," West Virginia Society for Health Care Risk Managers Annual Meeting, May 2014

2014 Legal Malpractice Update, Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia

2013 Legal Malpractice Update, Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia

"Navigating the Uncharted Territory of the Business Court," West Virginia Continuing Legal Education, November 2012

"The Times They Are A-Changin': Update on Recent West Virginia Legal Decisions Affecting Long Term Care Providers in Litigation," West Virginia Health Care Association Annual Meeting, May 2012

Co-author, Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia 2012 Civil Procedure Update

Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia 2011 Legal Malpractice Update

"Spring Cleaning: Ten Cost Effective Ways to Reduce Risk Before the Heatwave of Litigation Arrives," West Virginia Health Care Association Annual Meeting, May 2011

"The 10 Plagues of Risk in Long Term Care: Vaccinate, Isolate, Eradicate!!!" Pennsylvania Health Care Association Annual Meeting, September 2010

"Can Government Indefinitely Detain Individuals Accused of Being Enemy Combatants," 34 Wm. Mitchell L. Rev. 5155 (2008)

MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL

Colorado Bar Association, Ethics Committee

Colorado Defense Lawyers Association

Claims and Litigation Management Alliance

Defense Research Institute

Sponsorship Chair for 2017 Defense Research Institute Civil Rights and Governmental Tort Liability Seminar

Defense Research Institute, 2010 Long Term Care Litigation Seminar, Steering Committee Member, and Marketing Liaison for Pennsylvania and West Virginia

Defense Research Institute, 2009 Long Term Care Litigation Seminar, Pennsylvania Marketing Liaison
Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia
2017 and 2018 Colorado Super Lawyers® Rising Star
2015 and 2016 West Virginia Super Lawyers® Rising Star
Completed University of Virginia Trial Advocacy College
Order of the Coif
Patrick Duffy Koontz Award
West Virginia Law Review Executive Committee
Phi Beta Kappa
United States Courts of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and Fourth Circuit
United States District Courts for the District of Colorado, the Northern District of West Virginia, and the
Southern District of West Virginia

INDUSTRY/CIVIC

Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, Health Care Committee
Denver Petroleum Club
Leadership West Virginia Class of 2014