



## Valerie Garcia

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Valerie Garcia is an experienced trial attorney with a proven track record for success. Starting her legal career in the courtroom as an Assistant Deputy Public Defender, Valerie is well prepared to represent her clients through all phases of litigation, including deposition, mediation, arbitration, and trial. Early case analysis helps Valerie chart the appropriate strategy for a winning outcome, be it settlement, mediation, or litigation. With a focus on resolution, Valerie helps her clients preserve valuable relationships and see their way to optimal resolution based on cost-containment, damage control, and legal strategies. When an aggressive defense at trial is the best course, Valerie is a vigorous advocate in any litigation setting. Valerie was voted one of the Top 100 Lawyers (2017-2020) and Top 50 Women (2015, 2017-2020) in Colorado by *Colorado Super Lawyers*®.

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### Education

JD: University of  
Denver-Sturm  
College of Law,  
1998,  
*Chancellor's Scholar*

BA: University of  
Colorado Denver,  
Political Science  
1992

### Career Distinctions & Honors

Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated  
*Colorado Super Lawyers*®, Construction Litigation, 2014-2020  
*Colorado Super Lawyers*®, Top 50 Women in Colorado, 2015, 2017-2020  
*Colorado Super Lawyers*®, Top 100 Lawyers in Colorado, 2017-2020  
Denver's Top Rated Lawyers 2013-2018  
Women Leaders in the Law 2014-2018

### Appeals

*Winkler v. Shaffer*, 2015 COA 63 (Colo. App. 2015)

### Professional Associations

Claims and Litigation Management Alliance, Greater-Denver Chapter  
Region 8 Co-Chair, 2016-present  
Vice President, 2015-2016; Secretary, 2014; Education Chair, 2012-2014  
Colorado Defense Lawyers Association  
Defense Research Institute  
Denver Bar Association  
Mentoring Program, Program Chair, 2010-2011  
Board of Trustees, 2008-2011  
Women's Construction Litigation Alliance, Midwest Regional Chair, 2014-present  
International Association of Defense Counsel

### Publications & Seminars

Colorado Editor & Co-Author, Selected from over 700 attorneys nationwide for *CLM Claims Handling Guide*  
Speaker, "Developments in Additional Insured Endorsements and Colorado Legislative Efforts at Construction Litigation Reform," Colorado Claims Association, Annual Meeting, October 2015  
Speaker, "Construction Litigation Claims 101," United Fire Group Claims & Underwriter Training, April 2015

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### Bar Admissions

Colorado, 1998

U.S. District Court,  
District of Colorado