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Mr. Hegarty joined the firm in 2012 and was promoted to Member effective September 2019. Mr. Hegarty's practice concentrates on trial and appellate litigation, chiefly the defense of matters implicating public entities and their employees under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, of a wide variety of employment discrimination claims, and of ERISA and long-term disability claims, along with defense representation in recreational use law, premises liability matters, construction defect matters, land use matters, and other civil claims. Mr. Hegarty's clients include a wide variety of municipalities and public officials, small- to medium-sized businesses, and nonprofits throughout Colorado and other Rocky Mountain states. Mr. Hegarty also provides pro bono immigration representation to undocumented women and their families via referrals from Denver's Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Clinic.

Education

JD: Liberty University
School of Law, 2010,
cum laude

BA: Liberty
University, 2007
Communication
summa cum laude

Bar Admissions

Colorado, 2010

U.S. District Court,
District of Colorado

U.S. Court of
Appeals, Tenth
Circuit

Career Distinctions & Honors

Colorado Super Lawyers®, "Rising Star," Employment & Labor, 2018-2020
Managing Editor, Liberty University School of Law, Law Review
Finalist, Moot Court ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition
Recipient, Founders Scholarship

Appeals

Lincoln v. Maketa, 880 F.3d 533 (10th Cir. 2018)
Cvancara v. Reams, 676 F. App'x 774 (10th Cir. 2017)
Sherman v. Klenke, 653 F. App'x 580 (10th Cir. 2016)
Felkins v. City of Lakewood, 774 F.3d 647 (10th Cir. 2014)
Lovern v. Dorscheid, 576 F. App'x 869 (10th Cir. 2014)

Professional Associations

Defense Research Institute
Faculty of Federal Advocates

Publications & Seminars

Speaker, "Legal and Business Mindfulness," Colorado River Outfitters Association Convention and Trade Show, 2019
Author, "The Law of Life Insurance: Key Issues in Each State," *DRI Defense Library Series*, pp. 47-60, Robert B. Delano ed., 1st ed., 2017
Co-Author, "Lessons for Lawyers New to Civil Appellate Practice in Colorado Courts," *The Colorado Lawyer*, December 2014

Professional Experience

Senior Appellate Law Clerk, Colorado Court of Appeals, Honorable David Furman
Summer Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, District of Colorado