



## **Douglas J. Kotarek**

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Mr. Kotarek is the head of the Hall & Evans Workers' Compensation Practice Group, and his practice focuses on workers' compensation defense. He also defends businesses in employment matters and general civil litigation.

### ***Professional Associations***

Colorado Defense Lawyers Association

Colorado Employers Advocacy Association

Claims and Litigation Management Alliance

Professionals in Workers' Compensation

ALFA International

Steering Committee, Workers' Compensation Practice Group

### ***Career Distinctions & Honors***

Mr. Kotarek is fluent in Spanish, and is able to represent clients in claims involving Spanish speaking parties or witnesses.

He is currently on the Legislative Committee of the Colorado Employers Advocacy Association and lobbies the Colorado legislature on the Association's behalf regarding workers' compensation legislation. He also assists in writing amicus curiae briefs to the Colorado Supreme Court on behalf of CEAA.

He is on the Advisory Committee for the Workers' Compensation group of the Colorado Civil Justice League. As a member of the legal advisory committee, Mr. Kotarek reviews and analyzes potential judicial appointments, advises the business community of judicial/legislative issues that may have an impact on business, and assists with legislative issues that affect business.

### ***Publications & Seminars***

Speaker, "New Legislation Respondent Perspective," 2011 Annual Fall Workers' Compensation Update, CLE in Colorado, Inc., October 2011

Annual Presenter, ALFA Workers' Compensation National Seminar

Lead Note and Comment Editor, BYU Journal of Public Law, 1987-1988

### ***Education***

JD: J. Reuben Clark  
Law School, Brigham  
Young University,  
1988

BA: Brigham Young  
University, 1985

### ***Bar Admissions***

Colorado, 1992

New Mexico, 1988  
*inactive*

U.S. District Court,  
District of Colorado

U.S. Court of  
Appeals, Tenth  
Circuit