



## 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 (2017-2021, 2023) and Top 50 Women (2015, 2017-2024) in Colorado by *Colorado Super Lawyers*<sup>®</sup>.

### Education

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

BA: University of Colorado Denver, Political Science 1992

### Bar Admissions

Colorado, 1998

U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

### Career Distinctions & Honors

Martindale-Hubbell<sup>®</sup>, AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated

*Colorado Super Lawyers*<sup>®</sup>, Construction Litigation, 2014-2022; Civil Litigation: Defense, 2023-2025

*Colorado Super Lawyers*<sup>®</sup>, Top 50 Women in Colorado, 2015, 2017-2025

*Colorado Super Lawyers*<sup>®</sup>, Top 100 Lawyers in Colorado, 2017-2021, 2023, 2025

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

National Chair, Regions 6-10, 2022-present

Region 8 Co-Chair, 2016-2022

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