



## Peter C. Middleton

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Mr. Middleton has over twenty-five years of litigation experience representing local, state, national and international companies in complex catastrophic tort litigation, including multidistrict litigation. He has enjoyed a thriving and diverse practice successfully defending property owners, product manufacturers, outdoor recreational companies, event promoters, trucking and towing companies, hotels, bars, restaurants, mental health providers, healthcare companies, municipal organizations, construction design professionals, insurance companies and other businesses. He regularly speaks at regional and national conferences for the sports, entertainment, recreation and hospitality industries.

### **Education**

JD: DePaul  
University College of  
Law, Chicago, IL,  
1997

Cert. of Health Law

BA: University of  
Illinois, 1994

### **Bar Admissions**

Colorado, 2000

Illinois, 1997

Indiana, 1998

U.S. District Court,  
Districts of Colorado,  
Southern and  
Northern Indiana,  
and Northern Illinois

U.S. Court of  
Appeals, Tenth  
Circuit

### **Professional Associations**

Illinois State Bar Association

### **Career Distinctions & Honors**

Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated

Colorado Super Lawyers®, Civil Litigation Defense, 2013-2015, 2025

### **Decisions**

Recent notable decisions include:

August 2022: Jury trial defense verdict in premises liability case by quadriplegic plaintiff seeking \$50M+ in damages against event promoter

July 2021: *Hamric v. Wilderness Expeditions*, 6 F.4<sup>th</sup> 1108 (10<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2021): summary judgment affirmed in rappelling fatality case against outdoor recreational company

April 2019: Jury trial defense verdict in liquor liability case against a tavern

### **Publications & Seminars**

Speaker, "Legal Liability Updates – What's the Latest?," Colorado River Outfitters Association Annual Conference, February 2022

Speaker, "Get Your House in Order – Colorado's Premises Liability Act," Colorado River Outfitters Association Annual Conference, March 2021

Speaker, "Legal Update – What Line Are You Taking?," Colorado River Outfitters Association Annual Conference, February 2020

Speaker, "Legal and Business Mindfulness," Colorado River Outfitters Association Convention and Trade Show, 2019

Author, "Public Accommodation: Colorado Determines that Refusal to Allow a Service Dog on a Chairlift is Not Discriminatory," America Outdoors, Spring 2018 Newsletter

Speaker, "Legal Headwaters: Preparing for the Choppy Waters of Minors, Accident Investigations, and Potential Harassment Complaints," Colorado River Outfitters Association Convention and Trade Show, February 2018

Speaker, "There Must be Some Kind of Way Out of Here: A Rock and Roll Take on Risk Management for Outfitters and Guides," America Outdoors Association Annual Conference, December 2017