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**WTO 20th Anniversary Celebration – February 1, 2018**

Seated, from left: founding partners Michael O'Donnell, Jack Trigg, Malcolm Wheeler, and Paul Hultin. Not pictured: founding partner Mark Kennedy, dec. 2009.

“Responsive,  
strategic, and  
forward thinking.”

– Client comment to *Chambers USA 2018*

# DEAR CLIENTS, COLLEAGUES & FRIENDS

**2018 marked WTO’s 20th year of practice.**  
By any standard, it was one of our most successful years yet.

You hired us for some of your biggest and most important litigation—including industry-changing actions.

You referred us for complex, challenging, and sophisticated work. Your kind words boosted us to new and greater recognitions representing the height of achievement in our industry:

- Finalist, The American Lawyer National Boutique/Specialty Litigation Department of the Year—only 7 firms in the nation made the shortlist.
- “Standout,” BTI Consulting, Class Actions & Product Liability. BTI’s rankings are based exclusively on input from more than 350 in-house counsel each year.

**Thank you.** For 20 years, you have chosen WTO for the excellence, creativity, and relentless energy we bring to your most important litigation. With each new matter, we strive to affirm that you have chosen wisely.

Above all else, we value your trust, confidence, and collaboration. We look forward to achieving even more with you in the next 20 years.

*Carolyn Fairless*   *Hugh Gottschalk*   *Mike O'Donnell*

Carolyn Fairless, Managing Partner | Hugh Gottschalk, President | Michael O'Donnell, Chairman

Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell 2018 Management Committee  
Above: Carolyn Fairless, Michael O'Donnell, Hugh Gottschalk | Below: Michael Williams, Kathryn Reilly, Joseph Farchione

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## TRIAL TESTED

Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell lawyers have taken more than 1,300 trials, arbitrations, and appeals to verdict, award, or opinion nationwide.

Representative industries include:

- Aerospace & Aviation
- Asbestos
- Automotive
- Banking
- Construction & Engineering
- Consumer Products & Services
- Distribution & Franchising
- Energy
- Financial Services
- Food, Beverage & Hospitality
- Healthcare
- Industrial Equipment
- Insurance
- Legal Services
- Life Sciences
- Manufacturing
- Medical Devices
- Natural Resources
- Oil & Gas
- Pharmaceuticals
- Professional Services
- Real Estate
- Shipping
- Technology & Media
- Telecommunications
- Transportation
- Trucking

“They always deliver.”

– Client comment to *Chambers USA 2018*

# 2018

# 480

CLIENTS

# 110

ATTORNEYS

# 25

TRIALS &  
ARBITRATIONS

# 9

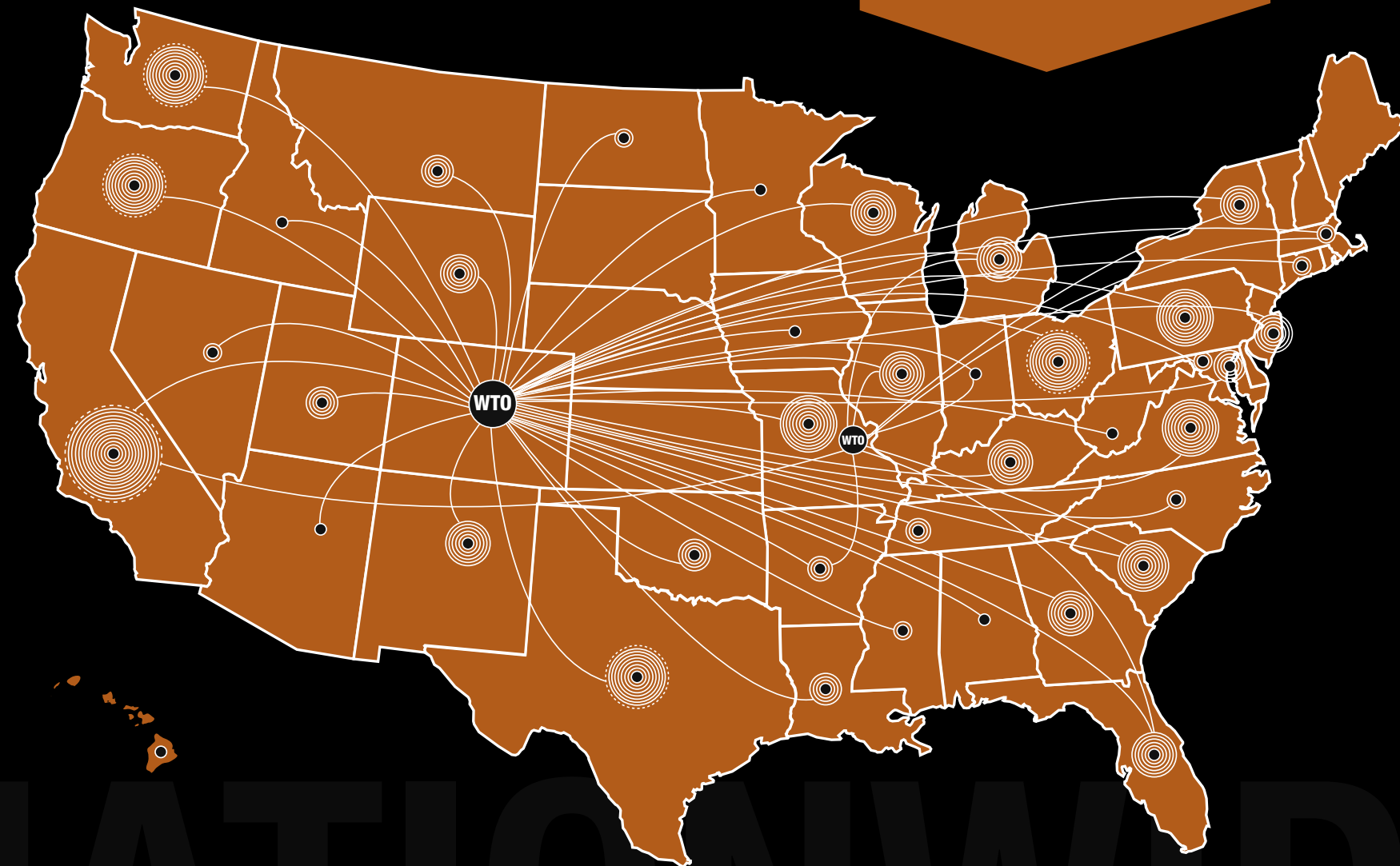
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## NATIONWIDE EXPERIENCE

“Stellar  
litigators.”

— Benchmark Litigation 2019



## REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

ABM Industries	Berkshire Hathaway	Endurance Specialty	Marriott Hotel	PNC Bank N.A.	Universal Health
Admiral Beverage	Homestate	Holdings	Services	Pneumo Abex	Services
Corp.	BHP Billiton	Expedia Group	Matsuhisa Denver	Power Mount Inc.	University of Colorado
Advanced Bionics	Petroleum	FCA US	McKesson	Premier Insurance	Hospital
AEGIS Insurance	Branta Exploration	Ferrellgas, Inc.	MedPro Group	Quest Diagnostics	Vail Resorts
Services	& Production	First American Title	MedStar Health	SCL Health	Valero Energy
Agent Au Pair	Capstone Headwaters	Insurance	Mercedes-Benz USA	Sears Holdings	Vanguard Natural
AIG	Center for Excellence	Ford Motor Co.	Michelin North	Skyjack	Resources
Aimco	in Higher Education	Foster Wheeler	America	Slawson Companies	Veolia North America
Air Methods Corp.	(fka CollegeAmerica)	Furniture Row	Miller Electric Mfg.	Suncor Energy	Volkswagen Group
Air Products	CenturyLink	General Electric	North America	TESSCO Technologies	of America
& Chemicals	Certain Underwriters	Georgia-Pacific	Motorola Solutions	The Doctors Company	Volvo Cars of North
Airbus Helicopters	at Lloyd's, London	Go Au Pair	Inc.	Tire Centers (TCi)	America
Allied World National	Chiquita Fresh North	Great-West Life	MMIC Group	Toyota Motor Sales	Western Litigation
Assurance	America	& Annuity	Motorola Solutions	USA	Whirlpool
Allstate Insurance	City & County	Harvest Natural	Inc.	Tracker Resource	WhiteWave Foods
Anheuser-Busch	of Denver	Resources	MWH Global	Development	Xcel Energy
Arrow Electronics	CNA Insurance	Hillsdale College	NGL Energy Partners	Trane	Yum! Brands
Assurant	Comfort Dental	HSS	Nissan North America	TransMontaigne	Zocalo Community
Atmos Energy	CoorsTek	IBM	Noble Energy	Product Services	Development
Atreo Group	COPIC Insurance	Ingersoll-Rand	Northstar Rx	Travelers	
Au Pair International	Crown Equipment	Invacare	OneBeacon	Tucson Electric	
Auto-Owners	Denver International	Ironshore Insurance	Professional	Power Co.	
Insurance	Airport	ITW	Insurance	United Services	
AXIS Surplus	DISH Network	Jushi Inc.	Oxi Fresh Franchising	Automobile	
Insurance	Electric Insurance	Johns Manville	Pepsi Cola Bottling	Association	
BP America	Electrolux Home	LifePoint Health	Group	United States Aircraft	
Production Co.	Products	Lowe Enterprises	Pfizer	Insurance Group	
Beazley Group	Encana Oil & Gas		Physicians Insurance		



# A YEAR IN REVIEW

## 2018 BY THE NUMBERS

WTO pursues excellence, relentlessly.

The rest follows.

480

CLIENTS CHOSE WTO  
for complex litigation

85

Percent of WTO  
personnel **DONATED**  
**TIME OR MONEY** to WTO  
Foundation efforts

84

Percent of WTO  
associates **SERVED**  
**JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS**

28

**STATES** in which WTO  
lawyers are admitted

25

**TRIALS** and  
arbitrations nationwide

19

**BENCHMARK LITIGATION**  
**STARS**, 13 more than  
the next closest firm

17

**NEW ATTORNEYS**  
joined WTO

9

**FELLOWS** of the American  
College of Trial Lawyers

4

Bet-the-Company Cases  
(and **WE WON THEM ALL**)

3

International Academy  
of Trial Lawyers **FELLOWS**

2

Twice in three years  
a Vault Top 10 National  
**BEST MIDSIZE LAW**  
**FIRM TO WORK FOR**

1

**#1 BEST PLACE**  
**TO WORK** in Denver  
according to the Denver  
Business Journal

## TALENT AT WTO

WTO attracts and develops the nation's best, brightest, and most creative trial lawyers and litigators.



Nationwide Top 10 Best  
Midsize Law Firms to Work For

### New Partners

**Kurt Rozelsky** joined the firm as a partner. Kurt is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and has tried more than 35 cases to verdict during his 25-year career. Kurt is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**Anthony Barbe** was elected to the partnership. Anthony has served on six trial teams in eight years. He earned his J.D. from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and served a judicial clerkship prior to joining WTO.

**Ellen Herzog** was elected to the partnership. Ellen has tried seven cases in seven years. She served a federal clerkship in the Southern District of Texas and earned her J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law.

### 16 more attorneys joined the firm:

**Xavier Avery** Oklahoma 2017  
Sup. Ct. U.S. Virgin Islands Clerk  
**Chuan "CiCi" Cheng** Colorado 2012  
D. Colo. Clerk  
**Clarissa Collier** Wyoming 2008  
**Hays Doan** Arkansas 2016  
8th Cir. Clerk  
**Kristin Ferries** Cornell 2017  
Colo. Ct. App. Clerk  
**Elayna Fiene** Denver 2012  
D. Colo. Clerk  
**Johan Flynn** Maryland 2001  
**Daniel Guisbond** Fordham 2010

**William Hauptman** Colorado 2017  
Colo. Sup. Ct. Clerk  
**Matthew Jasilli** Columbia 2010  
E.D. Penn. Clerk  
**Kori Flake Miller** Georgia 2013  
**Dean Neuwirth** Harvard 1986  
D. Colo. Clerk  
**Jacob Rey** Colorado 2016  
D. Colo. Clerk  
**Melissa Romero** Denver 2014  
D. Colo. Clerk  
**Megan Treseder** Duke 2013  
**Judith Youngman** Texas 1999  
6th Ct. App. Tex. Clerk



Above: Habib Nasrullah, Jasmine Reed  
Below: Sara Allen, Anthony Barbe



## REPRESENTATIONS

“This is the firm to hire in the highest exposure cases requiring experienced trial counsel.”

— Client comment to *U.S. News - Best Lawyers*



### THE AMERICAN LAWYER

Finalist, 2018 National Boutique/Specialty Litigation Department of the Year.  
WTO 1 of only 7 finalists nationwide.

Right: Carolyn Fairless, Andrew Efaw, Craig May

## BET-THE-COMPANY & COMPLEX COMMERCIAL

Won a defense verdict as co-counsel to **defeat \$800M claims in a bet-the-company shareholder dispute involving an oil and gas client.**

Representing three defendants in a **\$2.1B certified federal antitrust class action involving the U.S. au pair program.** Negotiated a favorable settlement one month before trial in this bet-the-industry litigation. Final agreement is pending court approval.

Successfully represented a publicly traded apartment REIT in **nationwide litigation alleging intentional torts against a leading short-term rental company.** Defendants settled all litigation on the eve of the first trial on terms allowing WTO's client to control short-term rental activity consistent with its contract and property rights.

Representing a party to a dispute involving a **family trust with more than \$2B at stake.**

Representing a leading international oil and gas company in **major litigation involving leasehold rights over hundreds of thousands of acres.**

**Won a pair of first-in-the-nation, permanent injunctions** for independent distributors against a large corporate distributor that infringed on WTO's clients' exclusive beverage distribution rights.

Defeated a preliminary injunction in a **\$200M lawsuit involving a former investment executive** who sued to nullify a noncompete and launch a competing firm by taking 50 clients with him.

**Representing multiple electrical co-ops in major commercial litigation involving hundreds of millions of dollars.**

**Won a \$50M oil and gas arbitration** involving a claim brought by a joint venture partner against WTO's client.

Won a **plaintiff verdict for a nation-leading technology company** in a multimillion-dollar tax dispute against a municipality.

**Won a trial verdict for an established manufacturer as plaintiff in a breach of contract action.** The court ordered the defendant to pay damages plus attorneys' fees and costs. **A fourth-year WTO associate solo-tried the case.**

“Brings calm to the chaos of high-stakes litigation.”

— Client comment to *Chambers USA 2018*



## CLASS ACTIONS & MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

**Won a landmark federal case in Illinois** defining for the first time the obligations of lead and liaison counsel in multidistrict litigation.

As lead national trial counsel to a major pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturer, **defeated plaintiffs' attempt before the U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation to create an MDL** involving gadolinium-based contrast agents.

Defending a national telecom company as co-counsel **against a high-stakes MDL involving 18 underlying class actions** challenging the company's sales, billing, and securities practices going back a decade.

**Serving as monitoring counsel for more than 100 class actions nationwide** involving concussion and traumatic brain injury claims in the NCAA, NHL, and U.S. Soccer Federation.

Resolved remaining class actions to end 10 years of copycat litigation involving self-cleaning ovens. WTO **achieved nuisance-value, non-class settlements by excluding an opposing expert and defeating class certification in a related matter.**

**Obtained dismissal without payment of more than 120 lawsuits** in an MDL in New Orleans involving a pharmaceutical product.

**Won summary judgment in arbitration—including an award of \$1.5M plus attorneys' fees—for** a nation-leading telecom provider in an indemnification dispute with a former subcontractor whose employee filed a class action lawsuit in the Southern District of New York.

**Obtained dismissal of a putative class action lawsuit against a major automobile manufacturer** involving alleged misrepresentation and false labeling related to safety features.

Successfully defended a telecom company in a **federal putative class action arising out of an alleged data breach in Washington.**

Representing a major international manufacturer against **class claims involving 15M dishwashers.**

## APPEALS

**Argued and won in the 6th Circuit** for a carmaker in a case involving whether federal legislation preempted Ohio state dealer laws.

**Won a 10th Circuit appeal for a leading U.S. railroad operator** defending a district court order that dismissed a third-party intervenor's claims against WTO's client based on lack of standing to enforce an EPA consent decree.

**Won an "extraordinary remedy" from the Colorado Supreme Court reversing a trial-court order** implying a waiver of the attorney-client privilege. The unanimous

opinion establishes that the mere "fact that privileged information might become relevant in a given lawsuit could not alone be enough to establish an implied waiver."

**Drafted and filed an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court, in support of Sidley Austin and the Northwestern Supreme Court Clinic,** in a matter addressing what constitutes effective assistance of counsel and which involved immigration issues with dire consequences for the petitioner.

**Authored an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court** in support of a national legal defense organization pursuing certiorari in a case involving the constitutionality of a state bail bond statute.

**Briefed and argued to the Colorado Supreme Court** the question of whether insurance appraisers owe the same duty of impartiality as arbitrators. Opinion pending.

Authored an amicus brief for a professional association to the Colorado Supreme Court in a case involving the test for when the presence of a third party waives the attorney-client privilege. **The Court adopted WTO's client's position and for the first time spelled out that waiver is determined by an objective standard** and not on the subjective belief of the attorney or the client.



“[One of the firms] corporate counsel are turning to for their most pressing litigation needs.”

— BTI Consulting Litigation Outlook 2019







# REPRESENTATIONS

## SERVICE

## THAT RAISES EXPECTATIONS

### PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

**Defending a national law firm against \$500M claims** of aiding and abetting.

**Won a four-week trial for a physician facing \$70M in damages claims** arising from allegations that WTO's client and others failed to timely diagnose and treat bacterial meningitis in a minor. Seven codefendants settled.

Following opening arguments, **negotiated favorable settlement of a \$50M medical malpractice lawsuit** in Iowa.

**Won a defense verdict against \$27M malpractice and negligence claims** in federal court for a hospital and its staff in a case involving a subdural empyema.

**Won a defense jury verdict in Oregon for an obstetrician facing \$9M claims** at trial involving shoulder dystocia.

**Won an arbitration for a lawyer and law firm against \$3M malpractice claims** related to a real estate deal.

**Won summary judgment for a national legal malpractice carrier in a matter of first impression** in Wyoming district court. As the prevailing party, WTO obtained attorneys' fees and costs for its client.

Above: Brett Mull, Tommy Olsen  
Below: Erik Nadolink, Tamara Westerberg

### INSURANCE

**Won complete affirmance in the 10th Circuit of landmark rulings governing insurance appraisals.** In two published opinions, the court affirmed trial court rulings vacating an eight-figure appraisal award against the client, disqualifying for bias a national policyholder appraiser, and sanctioning the policyholder and its lawyers for misconduct in connection with the appraisal.

**Won a published 10th Circuit opinion for a major national insurer** clarifying that a one-year time limit on medical payments coverage is permitted under Colorado law. The opinion also resolved a separate class action WTO had been defending, in which the Colorado Supreme Court declined to answer questions certified by the District of Colorado.

**Argued and won a \$1.5M fee award as liaison counsel in a massive putative class action** involving conspiracy claims against more than 100 insurers operating in Colorado.

**Won a federal jury verdict in a trial for an insurer pursuing counterclaims against a homeowners association** that filed an inflated insurance claim and sought more than \$5M in total damages. The court entered judgment for the client for the full amount that had been paid in benefits, plus interest and costs.

**Won a defense verdict for a major insurer in a bad faith jury trial** in which the plaintiff claimed WTO's client must pay for a special run of 50,000 bricks in order to repair one wall of the plaintiff's home.

**Won reversal of a \$3M property appraisal award and disqualification of the plaintiff's national property appraiser** as well as the umpire on grounds that they were not impartial and failed to disclose directly relevant financial incentives and relationships.

**Won a motion to dismiss with prejudice a putative class action** brought against a Fortune 50 insurance company. The court ruled that the client's standard form accurately described the nature of underinsured-motorist insurance coverage and could not support any claim against the client as a matter of law.

"When you get the sort of extra thinking out of a firm that WTO provides, it builds confidence and trust in the firm."

— General Counsel of a Publicly Traded Multinational Corporation



## EMPLOYMENT

**Defeated FLSA class certification and won summary judgment against other claims** for a Fortune 50 employer in a case that covered the entire state of Colorado.

**Won a defense jury verdict in federal court** for a Fortune 500 telecommunications client facing age discrimination and retaliation claims.

**Successfully defended a major international airline in a federal lawsuit** involving discrimination claims filed by a disabled veteran using a service animal during a flight.

**Won 10th Circuit affirmance for a college of a trial court's dismissal of whistleblower claims** under the Federal False Claims Act. The appeal arose from claims that WTO had defeated in a prior federal jury trial brought by the EEOC.

**Negotiated six-figure settlements for an employer in two California wage and hour class actions, while in a**

**virtually identical case the California Supreme Court affirmed summary judgment against an employer for more than \$90M.**

**Successfully defended a large insurance company against a \$25M FINRA arbitration demand** brought by a former director. WTO's client settled the claim without any payment by our client.

**Successfully represented a national accounting firm facing age discrimination claims brought by a partner** claiming he was entitled to Title VII protection as an employee. Such claims are sweeping the services industries and catching professional partnerships off guard.

**Defending several clients in federal lawsuits asserting claims under the Defend Trade Secrets Act**, which involves risks of potential property seizure and treble damages under the new rules.

## CATASTROPHIC TORTS

**Defending a major manufacturer against environmental and property damage claims** involving underground storage tanks that had been removed and remediated from a manufacturing facility decades ago. **Three WTO lawyers conducted 95 depositions in eight weeks, and won dismissal of another 30+ plaintiffs, to position the case for trial.**

**Won a defense verdict in a highly public, multi-week jury trial alleging a wrongful death claim** against a recreation industry client following the tragic death of a minor.

**Representing a major utility against litigation involving hundreds of millions of dollars** in alleged damages arising out of stray voltage claims.

**Obtained dismissal with prejudice** of claims that WTO's client's home medical equipment allegedly caused a fire that killed three people and destroyed an apartment building. **Negotiated extremely favorable**

**settlement after neutralizing plaintiffs' expert on issues of duty and causation.**

**Defending a global manufacturer of construction equipment** in all product liability and personal injury litigation in the U.S.

Serving as national coordinating counsel to **more than 10,000 simultaneous, active, asbestos exposure lawsuits.**

## PRO BONO

**Collaborating with the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network to represent asylum seekers** fleeing severe domestic abuse or family-related gang violence in their home countries.

Appointed pro bono counsel by the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals for an Oklahoma prisoner in a **matter involving parole guidelines.**

Appointed pro bono counsel by the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in a **prisoner's rights case involving claims for unconstitutional conditions of confinement.**

Appointed pro bono counsel by the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado in a **prisoner's rights case involving a claim of retaliation for exercise of a First Amendment right.**

“A true partner in developing legal strategies that not only defend our company but also complement our corporate strategy and objectives.”

— Client comment to *Chambers USA 2018*





## PUBLIC SERVICE

Numerous WTO lawyers serve on boards of directors of legal and civic organizations or otherwise contribute their time and talents to the community.

“I like helping underdogs, kids who have the odds stacked against them but are determined to be more than their circumstances. That’s inspiring.”

— Katie Reilly, WTO Partner  
& Management Committee Member

Right: Chuan “CiCi” Cheng



WTO attorneys volunteered with numerous civic organizations in 2018.

**Nora Ali** Vice Chair, Family Promise of Greater Denver; Next Generation Committee Member, Family Promise (National); The Gathering Place Board of Directors; Associates’ Campaign Representative, Legal Aid Foundation; Regional Representative, Cornell Black Lawyers Alumni Network

**Anthony Barbe** Colorado Bar Association Board of Governors Denver Bar Association Representative

**CiCi Cheng** Co-President, Colorado Pledge to Diversity Executive Committee

**Michele Choe** Secretary, Colorado Defense Lawyers Association

**Clarissa Collier** CBA Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates Litigation Section; Vice-Chair, Ray of Hope Cancer Foundation Board of Directors; Legal Aid Foundation Board of Trustees

**Julian Ellis** Historical Society of the Tenth Judicial Circuit Board of Directors

**Emma Garrison** Sr. Vice President, Colorado Bar Association

**Hugh Gottschalk** Chair, American College of Trial Lawyers Colorado State Committee

**LaMar Jost** Inaugural Program Chair, SOLACE (Support of Lawyers/ Legal Personnel – All Concern Encouraged) Colorado Chapter

**Cedric Logan** Secretary, Purple Door Coffee Board of Directors

**Laura McNabb** Colorado Water Trust Board of Directors

**Craig May** Catalyst Advisory Group to the Public Education Business Coalition

**Andrew H. Myers** President, Colorado Civil Justice League Board of Directors

**Joel Neckers** Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Board Member, Executive Committee Member, Resource Development & Marketing Committee Chair

**Michael O’Donnell** Secretary, American College of Trial Lawyers (the first Officer from Colorado); Denver Police Foundation Board

**Brian Osterman** Denver Health Foundation Next Generation Giving Leadership Board

**Jennifer Parker** Legal Aid Foundation Board of Trustees; LAF Associates’ Advisory Board; Co-Chair, LAF Associates’ Campaign

**Kathryn Reilly** Chair, Denver Kids Inc. Board of Directors

**Jacob Rey** Sun Valley Youth Center Board of Directors

**William Scarpato** Co-Founder, Civil Justice Institute Young Professionals’ Committee; Volunteer Judge, Denver East High School Constitutional Law Program

**John Vaught** President, Colorado Bar Association

**Malcolm Wheeler** and **Evan Stephenson** American Law Institute Restatement of the Law: Liability Insurance—offered extensive amendments to two sections of the restatement, which was eight years in the making, to guard against collusion, moral hazard, and unreasonable settlements. ALI reporters and members approved the amendments without opposition.

**Michael Williams** St. Mary’s Academy Board of Trustees

**Gwen Young** ACLU of Colorado Legal Panel; ACLU Board of Directors Nominating Committee; Women’s Bean Project Board of Directors



# RECOGNITIONS



**THE AMERICAN LAWYER** Finalist, National Boutique/Specialty Litigation Department of the Year. WTO 1 of only 7 finalists nationwide.



**VAULT 2018** Nationwide Top 10 Best Midsize Law Firm to Work For based on associate surveys. This was the second time in three years WTO appeared in the Top 10 nationally.



**U.S. NEWS – BEST LAW FIRMS**  
Tier 1 in Colorado in 13 practice areas.



**BTI CONSULTING** “Standout”—Class Actions and Product Liability. 22 firms in the U.S. were listed for Class Actions, and 6 for Product Liability.

BTI also named Michael O’Donnell and Kathryn Reilly to its 2019 Client Service All-Stars.



**THE DENVER BUSINESS JOURNAL**  
#1 Best Place to Work in Denver, extra-large company category. This was WTO’s fourth time at #1, the fourth straight year in the Top 3, and the 12th year in the Top 10.



**BEST LAWYERS** listed 27 WTO partners in 2019. Three named Lawyers of the Year: **John Fitzpatrick**, **Kevin Kuhn**, and **Michael O’Donnell**.



**CHAMBERS USA 2018** Nationwide Product Liability & Mass Torts Defense – Band 2. Five WTO Notable Practitioners—tied for most in the U.S. in this practice area.

Colorado General Commercial Litigation – Band 1. Eight WTO lawyers ranked in this area—twice as many as the next closest firm.

Colorado Labor & Employment Litigation – Band 3. WTO partner **Raymond Martin** ranked in Band 1 for the ninth consecutive year.



**COLORADO SUPER LAWYERS** selected 45 WTO attorneys to its 2019 lists. 27 WTO lawyers made the Super Lawyers list. 11 are in the Top 100. 18 WTO attorneys are listed as Rising Stars. Top 50 Women: **Carolyn Fairless**, **Tamera Westerberg**; Top 10: **Hugh Gottschalk**; and **Michael O’Donnell** is ranked **#1 in Colorado for the seventh consecutive year** based on input from clients and peers.



**THE LEGAL 500 US 2018** Nationwide Product Liability, Mass Tort & Class Actions involving Automotive/Transport, Consumer Products, Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices, and Toxic Torts.



**BENCHMARK LITIGATION** 2018 Colorado Firm of the Year. 19 WTO attorneys listed—no other firm has more than six attorneys ranked.

40 & Under Hot List: Seven WTO attorneys included.

**THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION** named **CiCi Cheng** to its National Top 40 “On the Rise” list.

**LAW WEEK COLORADO** 2018 Barrister’s Best: **Carolyn Fairless**, Barrister’s Best Civil Litigator; **Kevin Kuhn**, People’s Choice Best Medical Malpractice Lawyer for Defendants; **Kathryn Reilly**, People’s Choice Best Antitrust Lawyer; and **Michael Williams**, People’s Choice Best Class Action/Mass Tort Lawyer for Defendants. 2018 Top Litigators: **Carolyn Fairless**. 2019 Top Litigators: **Terence Ridley**.

**5280 MAGAZINE** Top Lawyers 2019: **Kevin Kuhn**, **Dean Neuwirth**, **Michael O’Donnell**, **Terence Ridley**.



Above: Natalie West, Jared Drotzmann, Nora Ali  
Below: Kayla Scroggins, Steven Kelso



# Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell FOUNDATION

The WTO Foundation (WTOF) was established in 2005 to provide, through charitable activities and programs, opportunities for current and former WTO lawyers, staff, and their families and friends to build a caring community and reach out to others. Since 2005, the Foundation has donated more than \$1.85M and thousands of volunteer hours to hundreds of nonprofits.

# COMMUNITY

## 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

On average, 85% of WTO personnel donate time or money to benefit WTOF partner organizations each year.

**Denver Dumb Friends League** rescues, shelters, and adopts out injured, abused, and neglected animals. WTOF volunteers raised \$8,323 through multiple fundraisers and walked with family, friends, and pets as a team in the Furry Scurry.

**Denver Public Schools Foundation** champions public education to help every child succeed. WTOF partnered with a Denver public elementary school to tutor first graders in reading.

**Denver Kids Inc.** offers one-to-one counseling and mentoring to help at-risk K-12 Denver Public Schools students graduate high school.

**The Gathering Place** is Denver's only daytime shelter for women, children, and transgender individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty. WTOF volunteers partnered with WTO client Ford Motor Co. to cook and serve hot breakfasts to more than 100 Gathering Place clients.

**Colorado Gives Day** was created in 2010 to encourage donors to "give where they live" and increase philanthropy through online giving.

**Legal Aid Foundation of Colorado** funds equal access to justice for low-income Coloradans facing civil legal problems. 100% of WTO's associates and staff counsel donated, contributing \$6,997 to the annual citywide law firm associates' campaign.

**Capitol Hill Community Services** provides reliable, healthy meals to the homeless and poor in the Denver community. WTO staff served lunch at Trinity Church several times during the year.

**Children's Hospital Colorado** uses 8,000 units of blood each year. 24 WTO employees donated enough blood to help 120 children.

**Metro Caring** operates one of the largest food pantries in Denver. WTO personnel donated \$4,075 to benefit Metro Caring in the Denver Bar Association's "Roll Out the Barrels" food drive.

**Karis Community** is a transitional community for restoring basic life skills of individuals recovering from serious mental illness. WTOF volunteers assisted the Karis event team at its annual fundraiser.

# GIVING BACK

"A firm can't be a first-rate institution without looking out for its community, too."

– Michael O'Donnell, Founder  
Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell Foundation



For more information on the WTO Foundation,  
visit us at [www.wtotrial.com/foundation](http://www.wtotrial.com/foundation)



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