

CHRISTOPHER M. UNGER, ESQ.

Senior Supervisory Staff Attorney | American Family Mutual Insurance Company, SI
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PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Supervisory Staff Attorney - Complex Litigation, June 2024 to present

Supervisory Staff Attorney - Complex Litigation, April 2023 to June 2024

Litigation Staff Attorney, August 2022 - May 2023

American Family Mutual Insurance Company, SI, Madison, Wisconsin and Denver, Colorado

Practice Areas: *Insurance Defense Litigation., Personal Injury Litigation, Property Insurance Claims, First-Party Insurance Bad Faith Defense*

- In-house supervisory staff attorney for major national property and casualty insurance company.
- Supervise retained defense counsel in the western region, who represent the company and the insured in high value litigation.
- Oversee and manage high value litigation and provide direction and feedback on litigation strategy to work with retained counsel to provide representation to insureds and the company.
- Advise and counsel company business partners and claims professional staff on various issues related to claims handling and litigation.
- Provide settlement authority and work with retained counsel to negotiate settlement of cases and appear at mediation and settlement conferences.

Associate Attorney, May 2019 - July 2022

Wells, Anderson, and Race, LLC, Denver, Colorado

Practice Areas: *First-Party Insurance Bad Faith Defense, Insurance Defense Litigation., Personal Injury Litigation, Commercial Property Insurance Claims, Insurance Coverage, Complex Litigation*

- Represented major auto and property insurance companies in Colorado State and Federal District Courts on personal injury cases.
- Prepared key court documents, including case scheduling orders, discovery motions, pleadings, dispositive motions, and trial management documents, including jury instructions.
- Argued key discovery motions before the Court to advocate for the client's best interests.
- Ensured routine and frequent communication with insured clients, claims professionals, and institutional contacts regarding lawsuits.
- Counseled claims professionals on Colorado law, evaluations of claims, *Fisher*-related issues, and other claims handling issues and processes.
- Drafted and served Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents and responded to discovery served by opposing party.
- Negotiated settlement of matters through communication with counsel and appearance at mediation.
- Special emphasis on first-party bad faith claims, *Fisher* payment issues, and discovery issues under *Schultz*.

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Associate Attorney, September 2017 - May 2019

Dewhirst & Dolven, LLC, Denver, Colorado

Practice Areas: *Insurance Defense Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation, Insurance Bad Faith Defense, Premises Liability, and Wrongful Death Litigation*

Senior Associate Attorney, November 2015-August 2017

Associate Attorney, November 2014-November 2015

Mountain West Business Law, P.C., Loveland and Estes Park, Colorado

Practice Areas: *Business Law, Business Formation, Contracts, Intellectual Property, Real Estate, Family Law, Criminal Defense, Estate Planning and Probate*

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate with Honors, May 2013

Drake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa, GPA 3.06

Honors and Awards: Dean's List – five Semesters, Certificate *Pro Bono Publico*

Bachelor of Liberal Art in International Studies – Diplomatic Studies, May 2010

Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois

BAR ADMISSIONS - STATE

Admitted to the Colorado Bar, December 2013, Colorado Supreme Court, Denver, Colorado

Admitted to the Utah Bar, February 2023, Utah Bar Association, Salt Lake City, Utah

BAR ADMISSIONS - FEDERAL

Admitted to the United States Supreme Court, January 2019, United States Supreme Court, Washington, DC

Admitted to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, January 2019, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, Denver, Colorado

Admitted to the United States District Court for the District of Colorado, March 2015, United States District Court for the District of Colorado, Denver, Colorado

Admitted to the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, February 2019, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio, Texas

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

2023 One's to Watch - Insurance Defense, Best Lawyers

Member, 2015 Colorado Lawyers Committee Team of the Year Nominee, Colorado Lawyers Committee, Denver, Colorado

Recognition for work for Colorado Bar Association Flood Relief Task Force, September 2013 Colorado Bar Association, Denver, Colorado

25 Under 25, May 2010, McLean County, Illinois

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Spanish - Native or Bilingual Proficiency

PRESENTATIONS

Lawyer Skills - Jury Instructions, CDLA Annual Conference, June 2023

Initial Case Evaluation, CDLA New Lawyer Boot Camp, December 2023

In House Counsel and the Attorney Client Privilege, The Gavel National Conference, January 2024