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Biography

Michael S. Drew is a Partner in the firm's Denver office and specializes in medical malpractice, complex general casualty, construction defect, dental, personal injury, and other litigation matters. Mike has more than three decades of legal experience including significant jury trial and arbitration experience with cases involving catastrophic injury.

Previously, Mike was a shareholder at the regional law firm bearing his name, Nixon Shefrin Ogburn Drew, P.C., where he helped to grow the firm into one of the leading litigation defense firms in Denver before combining with Hall Booth Smith. As part of his early training, Mike attended the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) and earned certificates in the Deposition Skills and Trial Advocacy Skills programs. Prior to attending law school, he was an adjuster and senior adjuster for two professional liability insurers in Northern California.

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Mike earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law, at which he was the proud recipient of the

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American Jurisprudence Award. During law school, Mike practiced in the student law office under the Student Practice Act and undertook an extensive internship with the Arapahoe County Public Defender's office, gaining valuable trial, hearing, and litigation experience. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Colorado.

Mike is a lifelong cyclist and has combined that passion with his support of The Children's Hospital of Colorado by raising money for the last 14 years at their Courage Classic cycling event. In honor of his Father's passing and to raise money for the Cincinnati Bar Assn where his father practiced for over 65 years, Mike completed the 2021 Maryland Ironman. Mike is active in contributing to his community and has been involved with the United Way of Denver, Big Brothers program, and other charitable endeavors.

Experience

Mike defends physicians and other health care providers in a wide variety of medical malpractice and regulatory matters, including the following selected cases:

- Tried two amputation cases and defended several others.
- Tried cases in obstetrical, general surgical, gastroenterology, orthopedics and other medical subspecialties.
- Handled assisted living and mental health care cases of all types.
- Tried and arbitrated several construction defect matters.

Additionally, his complex general casualty practice has included defending a wide range of personal injury matters from auto, truck, slip and fall, civil assault, dram shop, wrongful death, premises liability, and others. Mike's broad defense experience allows him to fairly evaluate cases and has resulted in excellent and efficient results in the best interest of his clients.

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Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

- California
- Colorado

U.S. District Courts:

- U.S. District Court for the District District of Colorado

U.S. Courts of Appeals:

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Education

- J.D., University of Denver
- B.A., University of Colorado

Memberships

- American Society of Healthcare Risk Managers (ASHRM)
- Colorado Bar Association
- Colorado Defense Lawyers Association
- Colorado Healthcare Associated Risk Managers (CHARM)

Recognition

- [*The Best Lawyers in America®*](#), Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants, Best Lawyers®, 2025
- [*Distinguished Peer Rated Attorney*](#), Martindale-Hubbell

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Presentations

Mike consistently provides in-service seminars for insurers on claims handling, bad faith, and other insurance litigation-related topics.

Publications

- ***Trial Attorneys' Guide to Bad Faith and Insurance Coverage***
Aspen Publishers (Contributor), December 1995

In the Press

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Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is pleased to announce that 58 lawyers have been included in the 2025 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®

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Hall Booth Smith Expands to Denver with Nixon Shefrin Additions

January 10, 2022

DENVER, Jan. 10, 2022 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. announced today the opening of a Denver office with the addition of 17 attorneys and 18 staff members from Nixon Shefrin Ogburn Drew, P.C., a leading litigation defense firm in central Colorado. The combination is part of Hall Booth Smith's continued westward expansion and marks its

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