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Practice Areas

- Healthcare
- Litigation
- Medical Malpractice Defense

Admissions

- Colorado

Education & Honors

- University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, J.D., 2014
- Asociación para Evitar la Ceguera en México, Glaucoma Fellowship, 1999
- Asociación para Evitar la Ceguera en México, Ophthalmology Residency, 1997
- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, M.D., Magna Cum Laude, 1994

Associations

- Colorado Bar Association
- Denver Bar Association
- Colorado Women's Bar Association
- Colorado Hispanic Bar Association
- Mexican Society of Ophthalmology

Ms. Salinas-Van Orman is part of the firm's Litigation and Health Law Practice Groups. She received her medical degree from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México in 1994. She went on to complete her Ophthalmology residency and Glaucoma fellowship training at the hospital of the Asociación para Evitar la Ceguera en México where she remained on faculty. In 2003, she moved to Colorado and worked as the Research Director at Glaucoma Consultants of Colorado overseeing 74 ophthalmology FDA Multicenter Clinical Research Trials. After twenty years of working in the medical field, Ms. Salinas-Van Orman earned her law degree at the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, and joined Messner Reeves LLP in 2015.

Her practice is focused primarily in the areas of medical malpractice and professional licensing matters. She defends healthcare providers against professional negligence claims and represents them in matters involving the Colorado Medical Board. She also assists clients with medical insurance appeals and HIPAA and Medicare matters.

Ms. Salinas-Van Orman's experience as a doctor combined with her knowledge as an attorney allows her to bring a unique and valuable perspective to her litigation practice and truly understand the medical issues and legal challenges healthcare providers face in their daily practice.

While in law school, Ms. Salinas-Van Orman participated in the Civil Litigation Clinic representing underprivileged clients in employment matters and temporary restraining orders. She worked as a law extern at BarrADR and the Denver District Court, with the Honorable Robert McGahey Jr., where she gained significant experience in mediation and litigation. She served as staff editor on the Criminal Law Review and was the President of the Health Law Society. Since 2012, Ms. Salinas-Van Orman has been volunteering at Project Safeguard providing assistance to Hispanic women who are seeking to represent themselves in divorce and/or allocation of parental responsibility matters.