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Practice Areas

- Healthcare
- Litigation
- Medical Malpractice
- Professional Liability

Admissions

- Colorado
- Minnesota
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. District Court of Colorado
- U.S. District Court of Minnesota

Education & Honors

- University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., 2008
- University of Vermont, B.A.,
 Political Science and Environmental
 Studies

Awards

- 2012-2017 Colorado Super Lawyers "Rising Star" distinction in Civil Litigation Defense, Personal Injury Defense
- Scholastic Excellence Award recipient for Lawyering Process I, Lawyering Process II, Trust and Estates

Associations

- Colorado Bar Association
- Denver Bar Association
- Colorado Defense Lawyers
 Association, Medical Malpractice
 Committee
- American Health Lawyers Association

As part of the firm's Healthcare Law and Litigation Practice Groups, Ms. Fletcher represents individuals, businesses and insurance companies in the litigation of civil claims in state and federal court from receipt of the claim through appeal. She focuses her practice on representing healthcare professionals and entities. Ms. Fletcher has significant experience representing individual healthcare providers and skilled nursing/long-term care facilities. Ms. Fletcher defends healthcare providers against claims of malpractice and negligence in litigation and represents them in matters involving the Colorado licensing boards, Adult Protective Services and Adult Mistreatment Dispute Review Section. She also advises healthcare clients on risk management matters and regulatory compliance, such as HIPAA requirements. Ms. Fletcher also has significant experience representing insurance carriers in bad faith and coverage disputes under a wide variety of commercial insurance policies.

Ms. Fletcher's trial experience includes eight jury trials and a defense verdict at arbitration. She has secured dismissals and defense verdicts for healthcare providers and dismissals of insurance coverage and bad faith claims on motions for summary for judgment.

Professional Experience

- Gordon & Rees LLP, Associate, 2010-2014
- Meagher & Geer PLLP, Associate, 2008-2010
- COPIC Insurance, Law Clerk, 2006
- STARZ Entertainment Group, Marketing Manager, 2001-2004
- GIST Communications, Product Marketing Specialist, 1999-2001