



# Michelle L. Harden

## COO & Managing Partner

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### Practice Areas

- Crisis Management
- Healthcare
- Labor & Employment
- Litigation
- Retail, Restaurants & Hospitality
- Medical Malpractice Defense

### Admissions

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

### Education & Honors

- University of Colorado, J.D. 2005
- Colorado Christian University, B.S. 2001, magna cum laude

### Associations

- American Bar Association
- Colorado Bar Association, Health Law and Litigation Sections
- American Health Lawyers Association
- International Association for Food Protection
- The Federalist Society
- National Retail and Restaurant Defense Association (NRRDA)
- CLM
- DRI
- CDLA
- Center for Legal Inclusiveness

Michelle Harden is COO and Managing Partner at Messner Reeves LLP. A former nurse, Michelle has extensive experience in defending catastrophic injury cases and multi-district, multi-plaintiff personal injury cases. She has significantly focused her practice on representation of physicians and other health care professionals as well as healthcare entities. In addition to a very active litigation and trial practice, she frequently represents health care providers in matters involving the Colorado Medical Board, the Board of Nursing, and other credentialing entities, and represents these providers in administrative law hearings. Beyond litigation, she serves as a trusted advisor to many clients on a wide variety of topics and acts as general counsel to several entities. She has received numerous awards and recognitions, including 5280 Magazine Top Lawyers, Super Lawyers and US News & World Report Best Lawyers and was awarded the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association Professionalism Award in 2020 and was named a Notable Woman in Law by BizWest Colorado in 2021. Michelle has maintained the AV Preeminent Rating by Martindale Hubbell since 2014. She has served on various boards and is currently the President of the Zarlengo Foundation Board and a member of the Denver Broncos' Javonte Williams Foundation Board.

### Awards

- Colorado Super Lawyers: Rising Star 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, Super Lawyer 2018-2023
- 5280 Magazine Top Lawyers: 2016-2023
- US News & World Report Best Lawyers: 2022-2023
- Martindale Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating 2014-2023
- BizWest Colorado – Notable Women in Law 2021.
- CTLA Professionalism Award: 2020
- Best Lawyers in America: 2022, 2023

