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Nick is known for being transparent and straightforward with his clients and for establishing a positive rapport with all stakeholders in the dispute resolution process to advance his clients' interests.

Nicholas's Core Practices

Construction | Insurance | Personal Injury | Medical Malpractice

Nick's practice focuses on construction, insurance coverage, personal injury, and medical malpractice litigation.

Construction

Nick represents individuals and construction industry clients in all phases of the construction process. He helps his clients draft and negotiate construction contracts, works with them through the claim and project administration process, and represents them in state and federal courts and in arbitration forums. Nick has successfully handled mechanic's liens and bond claims and litigated construction disputes of all kinds, including those involving multi-million-dollar construction projects and residential construction defect actions under Colorado's Construction Defect Action Reform Act (CDARA).

Insurance

Nick represents individuals and businesses in a large variety of insurance matters. He provides risk and coverage analysis and helps his clients navigate the insurance claims process. Nick is well-versed in commercial general liability (CGL), homeowners, automobile, and umbrella policies. He also represents clients in state and federal courts in complex and multi-party lawsuits concerning bad faith breach of insurance contract, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, insurance coverage, subrogation, and residential and commercial real estate. He has won insurance bad faith jury trials and obtained favorable outcomes and verdicts for his clients.

Personal Injury

Nick represents individuals and national corporations with personal injury disputes in both state and federal courts in cases involving serious bodily injury and death caused by vehicular, workplace, animal, and private accidents and related insurance coverage disputes. He has successfully resolved numerous cases on behalf of his clients, including a dog bite case in excess of one million dollars.

Medical Malpractice

Nick represents patients and their families in medical malpractice cases arising from negligent care by physicians, hospitals, and other healthcare providers. His practice includes claims involving misdiagnosis and delayed diagnosis, surgical errors, improper treatment, and other breaches of the standard of care. Nick works closely with leading medical experts to develop strong, evidence-based cases on behalf of his clients.

Education

J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law

In law school, Nick served as the executive notes and comments editor for the Chicago-Kent Law Review and as the editor for the Seventh Circuit Review. During law school, he also interned for the Circuit Court of Cook County Law Division.

B.A., Michigan State University

Admissions

- Colorado
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Related Practices

- Construction
- Insurance Coverage
- Personal Injury

Associations

- Business Network International (BNI)
- American Bar Association (Forum on Construction Law)
- Colorado Bar Association

Publications + Presentations

Uber Drivers: A Disputed Employment Relationship in Light of the Sharing Economy, 92 Chi-Kent. L. Rev. 289 (2017).

ERISA Remedies: Rethinking Indemnification and Contribution for Co-Fiduciaries, 12 Seventh Cir. Rev. 206 (2016).

Honors + Awards

Colorado Super Lawyers Rising Start (2026 – 27)

Out + About

Nick grew up in the Detroit area before moving to Chicago and then Boulder. When he is not practicing law, he enjoys spending time with his wife and two kids, snowboarding, hiking, biking, golfing, competing in Ironman races, traveling internationally, and cheering on the Detroit Lions and Michigan State sports teams.