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**LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**

- 2011-Present & 2002-2008: Private Practice, Denver (Connelly Law LLC since 2017)
- 2008-2011: Judge, Colorado Court of Appeals
- 1990-2002: U.S. Department of Justice
- 1984-1990: Private Practice, Washington, D.C.
- 1983-1984: Law Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

**Recognition:**

- *The Best Lawyers in America* (2007 – Present)
  - “Denver Appellate Lawyer of the Year” for 2013 & 2019
- Appellate, Benchmark Litigation - United States (2019)
- Colorado Super Lawyer (2012 - Present)
  - “Top 10 & 100 Lawyer” (2017-2018 & 2014-Present, respectively)
- Top Lawyers in Appellate Practice, 5280 Magazine (2015 - present)
- “Case of the Year,” Colorado Trial Lawyers Association (2019)

- “Team of the Year,” Colorado Lawyers Committee (2019)
- Best Litigation: General Commercial (Band 4), Chambers USA (2013 - present)
- Top Litigator (One of Six), Colorado Law Week (2017)
- “Individual/Task Force of the Year,” Colorado Lawyers Committee (2015)
- “Individual of the Year,” Colorado Lawyers Committee (2007)
- “Attorney General’s Award for Exceptional Service,” U.S. Department of Justice (1998)  
(Justice Department’s highest award)

## **Education/Admissions**

Catholic University Law School (J.D., 1983) (Faculty Award as highest-ranking student)

Fairfield University (A.B., English, 1980)

Admitted to practice in Colorado, the District of Columbia, the United States Supreme Court, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for Tenth Circuit (and most other Circuits).

## **Representative Cases**

*Breckenridge v. Online Travel Cos.*, 441 P.3d 1020 (Colo. 2019), *aff’g by equally divided court*, 442 P.3d 969 (Colo. App. 2018)

*Bay v. Anadarko*, 912 F.3d 1249 (10th Cir. 2018)

*Reeves-Toney v. Denver Public Schools*, 442 P.3d 81 (Colo. 2019)

*People v. Brooks*, 426 P.3d 353 (Colo. 2018)

*Rocky Mtn. Explor. v. Law Firm*, 420 P.3d 223 (Colo. 2018)

*Crocker v. Greater Colo. Anesthesia*, \_\_\_ P.3d \_\_\_ (Colo. App. 2018)

*Ghailani v. Sessions*, 859 F.3d 1295 (10th Cir. 2017)

*People v. Stewart*, 417 P.3d 882 (Colo. App. 2017)

*Denver Public School v. Denver Classroom Teachers Ass’n*, 407 P.3d 1220 (Colo. 2017)

*Stresscon Corp. v. Travelers*, 2018 WL 6075158 (Colo. App. 2018), *appeal from trial court after remand in*, 370 P.3d 140 (Colo 2016)

*In re Avandia Mktg. Sales Pracs.*, 658 Fed.Appx. 29 (3d Cir. 2016)

*Minor Child v. Children’s Hosp.*, 364 P.3d 891 (Colo. 2016)

*Arrabelle at Vail Condo. Ass’n v. AVS*, 382 P.3d 1275 (Colo. App. 2016)

*Leone v. Owsley*, 810 F.3d 1149 (10th Cir. 2015)

*Dwyer v. State*, 357 P.3d 185 (Colo. 2015)

*Little v. Shell Oil*, 602 F. App’x 959 (5th Cir. 2015)

*Boulders v. Law Firm*, 412 P.3d 751 (Colo. App. 2015)

*Yellowbear v. Lampert*, 741 F.3d 48 (10th Cir. 2014)

*Justus v. State (Colorado PERA)*, 336 P.3d 202 (Colo. 2014)

*Colorado OCC v. PUC*, 275 P.3d 656 (Colo. 2012)

*U.S. ex rel. Maxwell v. Kerr McGee Co.*, 540 F.3d 1180 (10th Cir. 2008)

*Federal Trade Comm’n v. Foster*, 2007 WL 3023158 (10th Cir. 2007)

*Kaiser v. Bowlen*, 455 F.3d 1197 (10th Cir. 2006)

## **Publications:**

- Interview, “[A protector of the court](#),” *Law Week Colorado* (2019)
- Interview, “[Justice Kennedy retires: confirmation frenzy ensues](#),” *Law Week Colorado* (2018)

- Interview, "[State Supreme Court to decide fate of JLWOP law](#)," *Law Week Colorado* (2018)
- Author, "[To keep juveniles behind bars for life, Brauchler abandons rule of law](#)," *The Denver Post* (2018)
- Interview, "[Law firm defends fraud claims before Supreme Court](#)," *Law Week Colorado* (2018)
- Interview, "[Sweat lodge decision shows Gorsuch's attention to religious liberty](#)," *The Washington Times* (2017)
- Interview, "[Sean Connelly, experienced on both sides of the bench](#)," *Law Week Colorado* (2017)
- Interview, "[Firm tells 3rd Circ. it doesn't owe Avandia MDL fee](#)," *Law360* (2016)
- Interview, "[When good partnerships go bad: Like marriages, business relationships sometimes wind up in court](#)," *Denver Business Journal* (2016)
- Interview, "[5th Circ. slams stubborn judge, revives \\$19M FCA suit again](#)," *Law360* (2015)
- Interview, "[Amendment 23 school funding lawsuit debated before Colorado Supreme Court](#)," *The Denver Post* (2015)
- Interview, "[Bobby Maxwell, fed whistleblower, earns \\$7.5 million in oil company battle](#)," *Westword* (2012)
- Interview, "[Federal employees can bring qui tam suit, 5th Circ. rules](#)," *Law360* (2012)
- Interview, "[Lawyer in McVeigh case says Norway's horror similar to Oklahoma City's](#)," *The Denver Post* (2011)

- Interview, "[Judge Sean Connelly to return to Reilly Pozner and will open firm's new D.C. office](#)," *Business Wire* (2010)
- Subject, "[Prison sentence overturned by Colorado court of appeals](#)," *Post Independent* (2009)
- Subject, "[Gentlemen's agreement' at issue in Tribune case](#)," *Deseret News* (2007)
- Interview, "[Sean Connelly put McVeigh away](#)," *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2006)
- Interview, "[Hoover placed in second-worst inmate class](#)," *Denver Business Journal* (2004)
- Interview, "[Judge refuses McVeigh's bid for a reprieve](#)," *The New York Times* (2001)
- Interview, "[Judge won't delay McVeigh execution](#)," *Washington Post* (2001)