



## Jessica Smith

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**Jessica Smith is chair of Holland & Hart's nationwide Religious Institutions and First Amendment practice group and is a member of its Commercial Litigation Group.**

Jessica handles a wide variety of matters in the Religious Institutions and First Amendment Group, including defamation, reporter's privilege, Free Exercise and Establishment Clauses of the Federal Constitution, their state analogues, tax exemptions, and other key legal doctrines specific to the First Amendment. Jessica also counsels and represents clients on other state and federal constitutional subjects, including takings, cruel and unusual punishment, due process, equal protection, and governmental immunity.

As a member of the Commercial Litigation Group, Jessica represents individuals and businesses in state and federal court, mediation, and formal arbitration proceedings. Her practice focuses on complex disputes in the areas of breach of contract, fraud, shareholder derivative and securities class actions, and other business-related issues.

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Jessica clerked for the Honorable Gregory Phillips on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and for the Honorable Gregory Hobbs on the Colorado Supreme Court.

### PRACTICES

Religious Institutions and First Amendment  
 Appellate  
 Securities Enforcement and Shareholder Litigation  
 Commercial Litigation

### EDUCATION

University of Colorado School of Law, J.D., 2013  
 Order of the Coif  
*University of Colorado Law Review*, Volume 84, Editor-in-Chief  
 Courtland H. Peterson Leadership Award  
 Civil Procedure, Teaching Fellow  
 Westminster College, B.A., 2009  
 Political Studies and French  
*cum laude*

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado

### COURT ADMISSIONS

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

### PUBLICATIONS

"[The Law of the Case Doctrine and Mandate Rule](#)," *Law.com*, Co-Author, 11/20/2019

"[Appellate Review of Unpreserved Issues](#)," *Law.com*, Co-Author, 10/23/2019

"[Standing Requirements in Federal Court](#)," *Law.com*, Co-Author, 09/18/2019

"[Cooperation 2.0](#)," *Holland & Hart News Update*, Co-Author, 02/22/2016

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Litigation Related Research," *PEAK Training*, June 24, 2019

### RECOGNITION

- Colorado Super Lawyers® Rising Stars, Business Litigation, 2019

### PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Colorado Bar Association, Member
- Denver Bar Association, Member
- Colorado Women's Bar Association, Member
- Faculty of Federal Advocates, Member
- University of Colorado Law Review, Alumni Advisory Board