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Overview

Mr. Carrigan represents companies and individuals involved in complex business disputes regarding government investigations, insurance coverage, and contracts. Mr. Carrigan leads the firm's Insurance and Coverage and risk management group and has significant experience in litigating coverage disputes on behalf of policyholders. A former Senior Deputy District Attorney, Mr. Carrigan has tried over one hundred cases to judge and jury, and has litigated cases in the Colorado Court of Appeals, the Colorado Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the District of Colorado, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, as well as several other courts in the United States.

Mr. Carrigan is an elected official, serving on the University of Colorado Board of Regents since 2005. In 2012 and 2013, his colleagues elected him chair of the Board of Regents, which oversees the \$3.4 billion University of Colorado, the third largest employer in the state of Colorado. Mr. Carrigan currently serves as chair of the University's Audit Committee and he has been interviewed on higher education issues by CNN, Fox News, The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, and other media outlets. In September 2014, Denver Mayor Michael Hancock appointed Mr. Carrigan to the city's Crime Prevention and Control Commission.

Mr. Carrigan clerked for the Honorable Clarence A. Brimmer, United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming.

Experience

Representative Matters

Some recent successes enjoyed by Mr. Carrigan's clients:

- An insurance brokerage was sued by a former client for numerous claims and asserted damages over \$4 million. Following dismissal of certain claims through dispositive motions, Mr. Carrigan led a team through a nine-day jury trial, resulting in a total defense verdict after less than two hours of deliberations.
- An insurance company sought declaratory judgment to void policy on multi-million structure and the first mortgage holder. Mr. Carrigan resisted the insurer's multi-year effort to rescind its policy and obtained proceeds satisfying the full balance of the mortgage and fees.
- Prevailed at trial in a multi-party dispute regarding ownership of securities following the death of the primary shareholder.

- A state prosecutor charged a construction contractor with two counts of felony theft of project funds. Mr. Carrigan was hired after a court bound the case over after a preliminary hearing. Mr. Carrigan coordinated a presentation of evidence that led the prosecution to dismiss the case in its entirety. He then filed a federal lawsuit against the complaining parties and promptly secured a seven-figure policy limits settlement by their insurer.
- A small software company was the subject of a federal lawsuit seeking a restraining order and more than \$10 million in damages. Within three weeks, the temporary restraining order was defeated and the adverse party agreed to withdraw its complaint and stipulated to a \$1 million payment to Mr. Carrigan's client.
- A state pension fund in a suit involving a real estate investment sale. After Mr. Carrigan deposed three of the plaintiff's witnesses, the plaintiff voluntarily withdrew the complaint in return for Mr. Carrigan's agreement not to seek attorney's fees.
- A former franchisee sued a national hotel chain. Mr. Carrigan secured dismissal of the claims without any discovery whatsoever. Although the dismissed claims were outside the contract, Mr. Carrigan secured a five-figure payment of attorney's fees to be paid by the opposing counsel.

Honors and Awards

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Commercial Litigation (2014, 2015)
- *National Law Journal*, Top Rated Insurance Lawyer (2012)
- Colorado Super Lawyers® (2009-2014)
- Super Lawyers® Corporate Counsel Edition (2010)
- American Bar Association Leadership Academy (2008, 2009)
- Denver Bar Association, Richard Marden Davis Award (2007)
- *The Colorado Statesman*, Fifty for the Future (2007)
- 2006 Marshall Fellow: An international exchange program for young business, community, and political leaders in the United States and Europe
- *Denver Business Journal*, Forty Under 40 (2005)
- Colorado Institute for Leadership Training, Community Leadership Award (2005)
- Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, Chamber 100 Program (2005)

- *Who's Who in American Law* and *Who's Who in Emerging Leaders*

Memberships and Affiliations

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Colorado Bar Association
- Member, Denver Bar Association
- Member, Colorado Trial Lawyers Association
- Board of Trustees, Catholic Lawyers' Guild

Speaking Engagements

"Anti-Corruption/FCPA Enforcement Trends & Compliance Best Practices," Association of Corporate Counsel–Colorado Chapter Conference, co-speaker with Steve Pelak, Denver, CO, Fall 2013.

"Data Breach and Security: Risk Control and Insurance," seminar given in Denver, Colorado, November 2010.

"New Liabilities from New Media," seminar given in Denver, Colorado, September 2010.

"Legal Compliance for Digital Advertising," seminar given in Las Vegas, Nevada, January 2010.

Insurance Coverage Chapter, Colorado Construction Law Update, Colorado Bar Association, 2010.

Community Involvement

- Graduate, the National Institute for Trial Advocacy's Hanley Advanced Trial Program, the National College of District Attorneys' Career Prosecutor Course, and the Colorado Institute of Leadership Training
- Completed a six-week intensive Spanish review course at the Maryknoll Language Institute in Cochabamba, Bolivia

Education

University of Colorado School of Law (J.D. 1994)
Dean's Honor List

University of Notre Dame (B.A. 1990)
cum laude
Dean's Honor List

Languages

Spanish