



Jacquelyn S. Booker

Managing Shareholder

Jackie Booker is the managing shareholder at Sutton | Booker | PC. Jackie has tried over 30 jury trials to verdict and has tried cases in federal and state district courts across Colorado. Jackie has also appeared and argued before the Colorado Court of Appeals and Colorado Supreme Court. She enjoys contributing her time to amicus curiae briefing when those opportunities arise.

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Practice Areas

- Appellate*
- Insurance Bad Faith*
- Insurance Coverage*
- Personal Injury & Property Damage*
- Premises Liability*
- Professional Liability*
- Uninsured/Underinsured Motorists*

Admissions

- Colorado
- United States District Court,
District of Colorado
- Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals

Education

- B.A., Louisiana State University
- J.D., University of Denver Sturm
College of Law

About

Jackie's practice is devoted to defending individuals and corporations, insurance companies, and their insureds from pre-litigation investigation through appeals. She writes coverage opinions, trains claims adjusters and managers, and defends them when they are accused of unreasonable conduct or bad faith. Jackie defends individuals in personal injury cases no matter the claims alleged. She knows Premises Liability, Auto, Defamation, Wrongful Death and Property Law. She also has experience in Construction Defect, Real Estate Disclosure, Fraud and Misrepresentation, and Contracts. She files interpleader actions on behalf of life insurance companies and provides pre-litigation advice regarding all kinds of insurance claims.

Jackie grew up in St. Clair Shores, Michigan and Slidell, Louisiana and was of the first generation in her family to earn a college degree. She attended Louisiana State University on a full academic scholarship, graduated with honors, and moved to Colorado to attend the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. She gained real world experience representing clients in the Student Law Office and graduated fourth in her law school class.

Results

- Discovered prior automobile accident and litigation in which claimant in slip and fall case had claimed similar injuries and misrepresented prior history under oath resulting in favorable settlement to retail client.
- Prevailed on a number of pretrial motions in a high exposure insurance bad faith case, leading to a favorable settlement for the client. The Court's rulings excluded most of the Plaintiff's bad faith expert's opinions, the policy limits, evidence about plaintiff's reasonable expectations when purchasing coverage, reserves, and speculative future lost wages.
- Argued in her contributions to the Brief of Amicus Curiae Colorado Defense Lawyers Association, the position that the lower courts erred in relying on extrinsic evidence to find ambiguity in an insurance contract. In agreement, the Colorado Supreme Court issued its opinion in Hansen v. American Family.
- Successfully defended a Rule 702 challenge to a client's accident reconstruction/biomechanical expert in federal district court.
- Successfully moved to strike an opposing party's experts which were untimely designated in federal district court, resulting in a favorable settlement of high exposure insurance bad faith case.
- Obtained a defense verdict for insurer in Pueblo County, prevailing on claims for breach of contract, bad faith, and unreasonable delay/denial of benefits under C.R.S. § 10-3-1115/1116.
- Authored appellate briefing resulting in Court of Appeals upholding trial court's dismissal of case against insurer on summary judgment and defeating the plaintiff/appellant's claim for costs.
- Prevailed on summary judgment on claims of insurance bad faith and statutory unreasonable delay/denial in underinsured motorist benefit case involving multiple accidents and debatable injuries.
- Provided oral argument before Colorado Court of Appeals resulting in clarification of unsettled law involving inclusion of lien/subrogation language in statutory offers of settlement.
- Obtained defense verdict for individual clients in auto accident jury trials.
- Defeated claims against insurance clients for punitive damages.
- Uncovered opposing party's false representations resulting in dismissal of case against insurer in underinsured motorist coverage claim.
- Obtained dismissal as sanction against opposing party in bodily injury case for opposing party's misrepresentations under oath in discovery.
- Obtained defense verdict in favor of insurance company at trial on claims of breach of contract and unreasonable delay/denial of benefits under C.R.S. § 10-3-1115/1116.

Affiliations

- Colorado Bar Association
- Arapahoe Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Colorado Defense Lawyers Association
- National Association of Women Lawyers
- Defense Research Institute
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance

Honors/Distinctions

- Colorado Bar Foundation Fellow and Trustee
- American Board of Trial Advocates
- AV Preeminent Rated Martindale Hubbell
- Selected to the Colorado Super Lawyers List for Civil Litigation Defense 2020-2026
- Top 40 Under 40

Published Opinions

- *Essentia Ins. Co. v. Hughes*, 545 P.3d 494 (Colo. 2024)
- *American Family Mut. Ins. Co. v. Hansen*, 375 P.3d 115 (Colo. 2016) on behalf of Amicus Colorado Defense Lawyer's Association
- *Calderon v. American Family Mut. Ins. Co.*, 383 P.3d 676 (Colo. 2016)
- *Strunk v. Goldberg*, 258 P.3d 334 (Colo. App. 2011)
- *DeAvila v. Estate of DeHerrera*, 75 P.3d 1144 (Colo. App. 2003)

Articles/Presentations

- Good Faith Claim Handling in Colorado (May 2025 and June 2025)
- Ongoing Duty of Good Faith and Fair Dealing in Litigation (January 2025)
- Rising Coverage Gaps and the Effect on Insurance Agent E&O Claims (May 2024)
- In-House Counsel and the Attorney Client Privilege (January 2024)
- Preparing the Adjuster to Defend a Bad Faith Claim (January 2024 and June 2024)
- Legal Budgeting: An Opportunity for Collaboration (April 2023)
- Reservation of Rights (January 2023)
- The Weaponized Jury: Kill or Be Killed (January 2023)
- ABOTA Masters in Trial (April 2022)
- Defending Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-Concussion Syndrome Claims (January 2022)
- Applying the Rules of Evidence: Get Yours In, Keep Theirs Out (November 2021)
- Unfair Claims Settlement Practices Act and Reptile Theory in Bad Faith Claims (January 2020)
- Personal Injury A to Z: Evidence Presentation and Expert Examination—Daubert, Frye, and Other Challenges (December 2019)
- Colorado Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Insurance (November 2019)