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# Lee Katherine Goldstein


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A strategist at heart, Lee Katherine represents clients before state and federal appellate courts throughout the country and serves as co-chair of the firm's appellate practice group. Also an experienced trial attorney, she excels at analyzing trial court records to develop a unique appellate strategy for each client.

An avid backpacker and local historian, Lee Katherine appreciates trekking through history both within and outside of her work. She sees appellate cases as historical puzzles that she works to unravel, combing through the court records of the case to find the pieces that will inform her appellate approach. She has handled appeals related to a wide variety of legal issues including probate, family law, commercial and business law, bankruptcy, and personal injury law.

With hands-on experience in both jury and bench trials, Lee Katherine excels at developing an appellate strategy from the outset by helping trial lawyers see the issues that they need to raise on appeal. Colleagues and clients rely on her keen eye and expansive knowledge to craft a compelling appellate plan.

Because of her extensive knowledge of fiduciary, trust, and probate law, Lee Katherine’s practice also focuses on trusts and estates. She regularly handles probate litigation representing fiduciaries and heirs throughout the probate litigation process. Her experience with probate litigation includes serving as trial and appellate counsel in one of the longest-running cases in Denver Probate Court history.

## Education

University of Miami School of Law, 1993
St. John's College, M.A., 1990
University of Florida, B.A., 1988

## Bar Admissions

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

## Practice Areas

Appellate
Business and Commercial Litigation
Estate and Trust Litigation
Family Law Litigation
Intellectual Property Litigation
Litigation
Securities Litigation, Arbitration, and Regulatory Defense

## Sectors

Insurance

## Representative Experience

Reported Appellate Decisions

*LHM Corporation, TCD v. Canuto John Martinez,* No. 20SC429 (Colo. 2021)*; Aurora Urban Renewal Authority, Corporex Colorado LLC, Fitzsimons Village Metropolitan District No. 1, Fitzsimons Village Metropolitan District No. 2, Fitzsimons Village Metropolitan District No. 3 v. Kaiser,* 2022 COA 5 (Colo. App. 2021)*; Western Stone & Metal Corp. v. DIG HP1, LLC,* 465 P.3d 105 (Colo. App. 2020)*; In re N.J.C.* 467 P.3d 1209 (Colo. App. 2019) *; Farmer's Estate of Robert A. Petteys v. Farmers State Bank of Brush, 2016COA34 (Colo. App. 2016); In re Estate of Foiles,* 2014COA104 (Colo. App. 2014); *Keim v. Douglas County School District*, 2015COA61 (Colo. App. 2015)(certiorari to the Colorado Supreme Court granted); *Capital Value Advisors, LLC v. K2D, Inc.,* 321 P.3d 602 (Colo. App. 2013), *In re Estate of Beren*, --- P.3d ---, 2012 COA 203 (Colo.App. 2012), *reversed, Beren v. Beren*, 2015C29 (Colo. 2014); *In re McGough,* 467 B.R. 220 (10th Cir. BAP 2012*); In re McGough,* 737 F.3d 1268 (10th Cir. 2013); *In re the Marriage of Dedie and Springston*, 255 P.3d 1142 (Colo. 2011); *Anderson v. Dept. of Labor*, 422 F.3d 1155 (10th Cir. 2005); *Toothman v. Freeborn & Peters*, 80 P.3d 804 (Colo. App. 2002); *Hartsel Springs Ranch Inc. v. Bluegreen Corp.*, 29 F.3d 982 (10th Cir. 2002); *Gonzalez v. Ravirifici*, 745 So. 2d 1145 (Fla. 3d DCA 1999); *Williams v. Boyer*, 734 So. 2d 1206 (Fla. 4th DCA 1999); *Gonzalez v. Mercy Hospital*, 738 So. 2d 955 (Fla. 3d DCA 1999);*Ballard v. Conch Key Cottages*, 719 So. 2d 1032 (Fla. 3d DCA 1999);*Nathanson v. Houss,* 717 So. 2d 114 (Fla. 4th DCA 1998); *Ryder Truck Rental, Inc. v. Perez,* 715 So. 2d 289 (Fla. 3d DCA 1998); *Arauz v. Truesdell*, 698 So. 2d 872 (Fla. 3d DCA 1997); *Sutor v. Cochran*, 687 So. 2d 897 (Fla. 4th DCA 1997); *Porlick, Poliquin, Samara, Inc. v. Compton*, 683 So. 2d 545 (Fla. 3d DCA 1996); *Compton & Associates v. Porlick, Poliquin, Samara, Inc.,* 662 So. 2d 428 (Fla. 3d DCA 1995).

Unreported Appellate Decisions

*Eastern Colorado Seeds, LLC v. Agrigenetics, Inc., No. 21-1057 (10th Cir. 2021); In re Estate of Foiles, 15CA1880 (Colo.App. 2016)(appeal after remand); Coughenour v. Deutsche Bank National Trust Co.,* 2012CA803 (Colo.App. 2013); *Composite Technology Corporation v. Brittsan*, California Court of Appeals Case No. D055583 (Cal.App.4th 2010); *Taos at Lone Tree, L.L.C. v. Bain, et al*,. Colorado Court of Appeals Case No. 08CA0792 (August 13, 2009); *Cartel Asset Management v. Ocwen Financial Corp*., 249 Fed.Appx.

63 (10th Cir. 2007); A*rrowhead v. Fedyna*, Colorado Court Of Appeals Case No. 01 Ca 419 (Colo.App. 2002); *Mikey Tomatoes, Inc. v. GV Properties, Inc. v. Shaw Constructions, LLC*, Colorado Court of Appeals Case No. 01 Ca 107 (Colo.App. 2002); *Zidwick v. Benetin*, Colorado Court of Appeals Case No. 01 Ca 913 (Colo.App. 2002); *Ferreiro v. United States*, United States Eleventh Circuit Court Of Appeals Case No. 96-4963 (11th Cir. 1997).

## Professional Affiliations

- Colorado Bar Association
  - Judicial Liaison Section
  - Trust & Estate Section
- Denver Bar Association

## Community Involvement

- Friends of the Jefferson County Historical Commission
  - President, 2022
  - Chair, 2019-2021
  - Board Member, 2019-2021
  - President, 2022
- Jefferson County Open Space
  - Volunteer Park Patroller, 2017-present
- St. John’s College Alumni Association
  - Board Member, 2010-2015
  - President, 2012-2013
- St. John’s College Board of Visitors and Governors (2012-2013)

## Recognition

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent rated
  - 2013 Top Rated Lawyer in Commercial Litigation
  - 2013 Top Rated Lawyer in Mass Torts