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A fierce advocate, Andrea channels her competitive drive and teamwork mentality to achieve results for her clients.

Andrea is a Partner in Dorsey's Trial Group, representing businesses and individuals in a broad range of complex commercial litigation matters. Her practice includes general contract disputes, partnership terminations, misappropriation of trade secrets, shareholder derivative actions, securities litigation, and consumer class actions, among others. As a true trial attorney who thrives in the courtroom, Andrea knows how to develop a case with the ultimate trial in mind and expertly leverages every evidentiary and procedural issue that unfolds during trial. Andrea has successfully chaired jury and bench trials in both federal and state courts. Most recently, Andrea represented the City of Fort Collins in a two-week federal jury trial, securing a verdict in favor of the City on its claim that Defendants Open International, LLC and Open Investments, LLC fraudulently induced the City to enter into a multi-million-dollar contract, resulting in rescission of the contract. She continued to represent the City on appeal, where the Tenth Circuit affirmed the judgment in *City of Fort Collins v. Open International, LLC and Open Investments, LLC*, 2025 U.S. App. LEXIS 18342 (10th Cir. July 23, 2025) (published), ultimately leading to the City's recovery of \$21.4 million.

Andrea also provides strategic counseling in pre-litigation disputes, focusing on each client's business goals and risk appetite in negotiations. Clients also rely on Andrea to advise on contract provisions and related risks in corporate transactions and she is often brought in to resolve disputes that may jeopardize a deal. With her creative and practical approach, clients also rely on Andrea to act in an outside general counsel role.

In 2018, Andrea was selected for the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Pathfinders Program. She continues to be actively involved in LCLD's alumni groups and volunteered as a 2021 & 2022 1L Mentor and 2021 Pathfinders Program Facilitator. In 2020, Andrea was selected for the Colorado General Counsel Mentor Program. Outside

Education

- University of Denver, Sturm College of Law (J.D., 2011)
 - Comments Editor, *Denver University Law Review*
 - Am. Jur. Award in Legal Writing I & II
 - Robert B. Yegge Memorial Scholarship
 - Reese Persuasive Writing Award
- The George Washington University (B.A., Psychology, 2003)
 - *magna cum laude*
 - NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse, Atlantic 10 Conference (midfielder)

Bar Admissions

- Colorado

of work, Andrea and her husband can be found on a mountain, soccer field, or hockey rink with their two kids.

Select Experience

- *City of Fort Collins v. Open International, LLC and Open Investments, LLC*: Trial and appellate counsel for the City of Fort Collins (the “City”). Following a two-week federal jury trial against Open International, LLC and Open Investments, LLC (collectively, “Open”) for fraudulent inducement, negligent misrepresentation, and breach of contract claims, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the City, finding that Open fraudulently induced the City into a multi-million-dollar contract to implement its billing software, Open Smartflex (OSF). The verdict permitted the City to rescind the contract, nullifying the parties’ respective breach of contract claims. Following the jury trial, the District Court awarded the City \$19.8 million in restitution, nearing \$20 million with pre-judgment interests. The Tenth Circuit affirmed the judgment in a published opinion (July 2025) which led to the City’s successful collection of \$21.4 million.
- *Denver Transit Partners, LLC v. Regional Transportation District (RTD)*: Trial counsel in month-long bench trial representing RTD in a Change-in-Law and Force Majeure lawsuit brought by the concessionaire, DTP, in connection with a multi-billion-dollar P3 rail project. Judgment entered in favor of RTD, defeating \$112 million in claims brought by DTP. Judgment was affirmed on appeal to both the Colorado Court of Appeals (May 2024) and the Colorado Supreme Court (February 2025).
- *Ironburg Inventions Ltd. v. Valve Corporation*: Appellate counsel for Ironburg Inventions Ltd., leading to the Federal Circuit’s affirmation of the District Court’s judgment that the asserted claims are not invalid as indefinite, that Valve willfully infringed, and that Valve is estopped from asserting the non-instituted IPR grounds. The appeal further established Federal Circuit precedent adopting the “skilled searcher test” for IPR estoppel.
- *Grasher v. Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC*: Trial counsel for franchisor, Ameriprise, in action brought by a franchisee’s former employees seeking to hold Ameriprise liable as a “joint employer,” thus attacking Ameriprise’s entire franchise platform. Received full defense jury verdict on all legal claims following a week-long trial and subsequent judgment by the Court in favor of Ameriprise on remaining equitable claim with an affirmative finding that Ameriprise was not the “joint employer” of the franchisee’s employees.

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth and Federal Circuits
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

Professional Affiliations

- Colorado General Counsel Mentor Program (2020-2022)

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Arthritis Foundation, Past Volunteer
- American Red Cross, Mile High Chapter, Donor Relations Committee Member (2015-2017)
- Behind the Red, The American Red Cross – Governing Council Member &

Development Committee Member (2013-2017)

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation, 2025-2026
- Contributed more than 50+ Diversity hours, 2020-2022
- Colorado Super Lawyers, “Rising Star” for recognition as Top Rated Business Litigation Attorney, 2021
- Selected for the Colorado General Counsel Mentor Program, 2020-2022
- Selected for the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Pathfinders Program, 2018

Additional Information

- *Wyeth v. Levine: Moving Away From the Geier Trend*, 87 DENV. U. L. REV. 561 (2010).