

Regina (Gina) M. Rodriguez

Partner

Denver

Biography

Gina Rodriguez is an experienced trial lawyer. She has handled cases across a range of industries as lead trial counsel in complex litigation and tort cases, and has extensive experience representing drug and device manufacturers in complex litigation, including product liability, false claims act, and commercial matters. In addition, Gina defends clients in government investigations.

Before moving to private practice, Gina was an Assistant U.S. Attorney and Chief of the Civil Division in the District of Colorado, where she supervised and directed all active civil cases for the office. Gina was appointed as a member of the U.S. Attorney General's Civil Chiefs' working group. Before joining Hogan Lovells, Gina was a partner at an international law firm in Denver.

Gina also served in the Assistant Attorney General's Office for the Department of Justice (DOJ) as the Deputy Senior Counsel for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). Working with senior counsel, she helped implement Attorney General Janet Reno's vision on ADR being more widely and effectively utilized in the DOJ to obtain better and more efficient results in litigation. Gina helped establish and implement a nationwide ADR program for Civil AUSAs. As a certified mediator for the DOJ, she participated in many mediations — both as a mediator and in



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Practices

Litigation

Privacy and Cybersecurity

Industries

Life Sciences and Health Care

Areas of focus

Government Investigations

Education and admissions

Education

representation of clients.

Representative experience

Represented Zimmer Holdings, Inc. as trial counsel in multiple cases over an alleged defective product.*

Represented medical device company in defense of lawsuit alleging Anti-Kickback Statute and False Claims Act in the context of a criminal subpoena.*

Represented pharmaceutical manufacturers in defense of product liability claims (PPA, HRT).*

Represented a vaccine manufacturer in defense of product liability claims (DTaP, influenza).*

Represented a national laboratory in defense of alleged laboratory error.*

Served as lead counsel for the city and county of Denver against a prison inmate alleging a sheriff's deputy facilitated a beating by other inmates.*

Served as lead counsel for the Colorado Latino Forum and the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association in a two-week congressional re-districting trial.*

Served as trial counsel for an agribusiness client in a four-month jury trial in the federal district court of Idaho.*

Represented a Fortune 500 restaurant chain as lead counsel in defense of claimed §1981 civil rights violation.*

Served as lead counsel for a Major League Baseball team in defense of numerous personal injury claims arising from an escalator malfunction.*

Awards and rankings

- Top Latino Lawyers, *Latino Leaders*, 2016, 2018
- Personal Injury Defense: Products, *Colorado Super Lawyers*, 2009, 2012-2018

J.D., University of Colorado School of Law, 1988

B.S., with honors, University of Iowa, 1985

Memberships

Board of Governors, Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation

Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers

Bar admissions and qualifications

Colorado

Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas

- Most Powerful and Influential Women, *Colorado Diversity Council*, 2015
- Top Litigator, *Law Week Colorado*, 2015
- Chris Miranda Outstanding Hispanic Lawyer, *Colorado Hispanic Bar Association*, 2013
- Distinguished Alumni Award for Achievement in Private Practice, *University of Colorado School of Law*, 2013
- Women of Distinction Honoree, *Girl Scouts of Colorado*, 2013
- Latina Lawyer of the Year, *Hispanic National Bar Association*, 2013
- Colorado Top Women Lawyers, *Law Week Colorado*, 2011

Latest thinking and events

- Events
 - Global Products Law Summit 2017 - Navigating the chasm: helping you meet today's legal challenges
- Published Works
 - Who's liable and how to protect yourself
ColoradoBiz
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - International Product Liability Review – Issue 66