



## Ashley L. Zurkan

Associate

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Ashley Zurkan represents businesses and individuals in all aspects of complex and high-exposure civil litigation. Her practice focuses on the defense of claims related to general liability, construction defect, and environmental matters, including disputes involving hazardous waste. In addition, Ashley adeptly handles employment litigation and civil rights defense.

Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Ashley worked at a Las Vegas, Nevada, firm defending public entities in civil rights matters and handling environmental litigation. During law school, Ashley gained valuable experience in National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) decision-making and environmental harm considerations as a legal extern in the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of the Solicitor.

### Environmental Coverage

Ashley has extensive expertise in litigating environmental disputes and handling clean-up transactions in the public and private sectors, representing clients in litigation related to natural resources and hazardous waste. She zealously works with landowners and public entities to preserve and protect public lands and animal habitats.

### Education

- University of Denver Sturm College of Law (J.D., 2020)
  - Public Good Distinction
  - Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law
- Northeastern University (B.A. in Political Science, *with honors*, 2012)

### Bar Admissions

### Services

- Environmental
- Employment & Labor
- Insurance & Reinsurance Defense

- Nevada
- Colorado

### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Nevada
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

## **Representative Matters**

Successfully defended an appeal of civil rights litigation in the U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit.

Successfully defended an appeal of government immunity and public works litigation before the Colorado Court of Appeals.

## **Client Wins**

### **Lowry & Zurkan Earn Voluntary Dismissal**

Michael Lowry (Partner-Las Vegas, NV) and Ashley Zurkan (Associate-Las Vegas, NV) worked with a luxury homeowners' association client to develop facts that led to a voluntary dismissal. A mobile dog groomer tripped on a sidewalk near a home, and it was initially unclear who controlled this part of the sidewalk. Michael and Ashley worked with the homeowners' association to begin developing facts supporting the HOA's position that the individual homeowner controlled this area. They then worked with the plaintiff to confirm repairs had occurred in the area and the homeowner paid for the repairs. With control confirmed, the plaintiff voluntarily dismissed the HOA and instead pursued the homeowner. This collaborative approach ultimately saved the parties time and money.