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Michelle Yang concentrates her practice in the areas of first- and third-party coverage, as well as bad faith claims. She represents national carriers and has worked closely with the Lloyd's of London market.

### Education

- University of Georgia School of Law (J.D.)
  - Equal Justice Foundation, Chair
- Emory University (B.A.)

### Bar Admissions

- Colorado
- Georgia
- Tennessee

### Professional Affiliations

- Colorado Defense Lawyers Association

### Services

- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage

## Publications

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**Coverage Matters**

## Client Wins

### **Williams and Yang Obtain Summary Judgement on Behalf of Regional Bank**

Ryan Williams (Partner-Denver) and Michelle Yang (Associate-Denver) obtained summary judgment on behalf of their client, a regional bank with branches throughout Colorado, in the Denver County District Court. The presiding judge granted the motion, dismissing all vicarious liability claims against the bank.

The case arose from an August 2023 motor vehicle collision in which a bank employee struck the plaintiff while driving home from a work-related banking conference. The plaintiff alleged that our client was vicariously liable under respondeat superior, arguing the employee was acting within the course and scope of her employment at the time of the accident. Ryan and Michelle successfully argued that Colorado's well-established going-and-coming rule barred the claim, demonstrating that the employee's commute home – regardless of whether the employee had attended a work event earlier that day – did not further the bank's business purpose. The Court agreed, finding no genuine issue of material fact and ruling that the doctrine of respondeat superior was inapplicable as a matter of law.