

D. Scott Martinez

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Experience

Martinez & Partners LLC | Denver, CO

Managing Partner (1/15/2019–Present)

Counsel to corporate clients and private individuals regarding federal, state and municipal regulatory matters. Representations frequently include intricate knowledge of conflict of laws resolution between federal, state and local regulatory structures.

Snell & Wilmer LLP | Denver, CO

Partner (12/1/2016– 1/14/2019)

Led the office's Government Regulations, Regulatory and Administrative Law practice and helped businesses work with government agencies and officials to navigate complex regulatory environments.

City & County of Denver | Denver, CO

City Attorney (1/2/2014– 5/31/2016)

Cabinet appointee reporting directly to the Mayor providing day-to-day legal, business, and strategic advice as the City's Chief Legal Officer. Provided effective counsel to sixteen City departments and agencies, City Council members, Clerk and Recorder and Auditor.

Final legal authority under the City's Charter for all matters and the public spokesperson for all legal matters including civil litigation in federal courts and municipal prosecutions.

Managed the City's Law Department of one-hundred and sixteen attorneys and one-hundred and nine staff; managed all outside counsel relationships in the areas of criminal prosecution, civil litigation, intellectual property, finance and real estate.

Negotiated the highest level business and intergovernmental agreements and settlements, including seven agreements with organized labor, winning binding arbitration in unresolved negotiations and ratifying agreements under the allotted time limit in others.

Created the Taxpayer Protection Unit, the City's first affirmative litigation team, recovering \$2.8 million in taxpayer funds and commercial services in its first year.

Streamlined contracting, cutting processing time from an average 121 days to 37 days.

Innovated the legal structure for the implementation of the nation's first recreational marijuana regulatory mechanism working with the US Attorney's Office for guidance.

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Deputy City Attorney (1/8/2012–1/2/2014)

Appointed by the Mayor to serve as Chief Operating Officer and second-in-command over the Law Department, including oversight over personnel and allocation of resources.

Drafted departmental budgets in both an economic downturn and recovery. Hired, trained, disciplined and tracked performance and engagement of all law department personnel.

Managed multi-million dollar civil litigation in federal court (§ 1983 claims), oversaw the prosecution of crimes for violations of the municipal code, and directed the legal aspects of child and elder protection services.

Holland & Hart LLP | Denver, CO

Associate Attorney (9/11/2006–1/8/2012)

Counseled corporations, corporate boards and individual board members regulated by federal, state, local or special district governments. Advised clients under investigation by the committees of the U.S. House, U.S. Senate, Department of Justice (DOJ), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE), State Attorneys General, and various state regulatory agencies. Representations often included a deep understanding of the US Attorney's Manual (Justice Manual) and its applications.

Advised private sector clients on the creation, implementation and training on corporate compliance plans including vesting, divestiture, ethics and regulatory requirements.

Obama–Biden Presidential Transition Team | Washington D.C.

Office of White House Counsel Transition Staff (11/7/2008–1/20/2009)

Secured to the Obama–Biden Transition Team which was responsible for drafting first-day Executive Orders on transparency and ethics. Trained incoming political appointees on new Executive Order requirements.

Colorado Democratic Party | Denver, CO

Interim Executive Director, Deputy Director, Campaign Staff (5/15/2000–3/15/2003)

Worked up from entry level staffer, data manager, campaign manager to Interim Executive Director. Oversaw the 2002 redistricting and reapportionment operations.

Awards and Honors

- National Latino Lawyer of the Year – Hispanic National Bar Assoc. (2015)
- Chris Miranda Outstanding Lawyer of the Year – Colorado Hispanic Bar Assoc. (2016)
- Ricardo Salinas Foundation Award – Aspen Institute, Socrates Program (2016)
- Lawyer of the Year – Law Week Colorado (2014)
- Recent Alumni of the Year Award – University of San Diego, School of Law (2014)
- Forty under 40 Award – Denver Business Journal (2014)

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- Dean Edward C. King "Pay it Forward" Award – University of Colorado School of Law, Dean's Choice Award (2013)
- Chair's Award for Service – Colorado Democratic Party (2012)
- Top Up and Coming Attorney – Law Week Colorado (2007)
- Rising Star – Colorado Democratic Party (2002)
- Unsung Hero Award – 5280 Magazine (2002)

Community Service and Involvement

- Metropolitan Stadium District Board – Gubernatorial Appointee (2018–Present)
- Colorado Nonprofit Association – Board Member (2018–Present)
- Downtown Denver Partnership, Civic Ventures – Board Member (2017–Present)
- Law School, Yes We Can/Law School, Si Se Puede – Mentor (2014–Present)
- Government Entrepreneurship Leadership Accelerator (GELA) – Co-Founder, Board Member (2016–2020)
- Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, Public Policy Committee – Member (2017–2019)
- White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law at the University of Colorado School of Law – Board Member (2010–2019)
- Rocky Mountain City Summit – Steering Committee (2012–2017)
- Municipal Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement Board – Mayoral Appointee (2011–2015)
- Bell Policy Center – Board Member (2007–2014); Board Chair (2010–2014)
- Colorado Blue Flower – Board Member (2007–2013)
- Collection Agency Board – Gubernatorial Appointee (2008–2010)
- Election Reform Commission – Gubernatorial Appointee (2008)

Education

University of San Diego, School of Law

2006 J.D., Law

University of Colorado, Boulder

2000 B.A., International Affairs; Minor, Economics

Professional Affiliations

- Colorado Bar Association, Member (2006–Present)– Board of Governors (2009–2013)
- Colorado Hispanic Bar Association (2006–Present)– Public Policy Chair (2009–2013)
- Hispanic National Bar Association (2006–Present)
- American Bar Association, Member (2006–Present)

Admitted to Practice

- State of Colorado
- United States District Court, Colorado
- United States Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit

Publications And Interviews

- Interview, "Colorado Inside and Out Live Stream June 10, 2022, Edition: Colorado politics: race for the 8th Colorado congressional district, a Democratic super PAC funding a MAGA candidate, new policies for developers building housing," PBS12, Season 30, Episode 22 (June 10, 2022)
- Quote, "What happens if a city-owned tree falls on your property?," 9News (May 24, 2022)
- "Scott Martinez." Wikipedia, Wikimedia Foundation, 11 May 2022
- Interview, "Colorado Inside and Out Live Stream February 25 2022 Edition: Colorado politics: Fentanyl Overdose, Same-Sex Marriage Discrimination, Campsite Zoning, and Water Rights Debate," PBS12, Season 30, Episode 7 (February 25, 2022)
- Interview, "Top Latino Lawyers 2021 Edition" Latino Leaders, Vol. 22 No. 6 (December 2021)
- Interview, "Top Lawyers: D Scott Martinez On The 5 Things You Need To Become A Top Lawyer In Your Specific Field of Law," Authority Magazine (December 1, 2021)
- Interview, "Colorado Inside and Out Live Stream November 19 2021 Edition: Colorado politics: Mask mandates, Aurora park shooting, City of Aurora McClain Settlement," PBS12, Season 27, Episode 148 (November 19, 2021)
- Quote, "Despite Colorado's new redistricting process being independent, there was still plenty of political influence," The Colorado Sun (November 10, 2021)
- Interview, "What does redistricting have to do with business?" ColoradoBiz (October 25, 2021)
- Interview, "Simplifying the political lingo in Denver's 2021 Blue Book," 9 News (October 6, 2021)
- Quote, "Latest Colorado legislative draft maps, which would likely leave Democrats in control, could become the final versions," Colorado Sun (October 5, 2021)
- Quote, "A New Colorado Congressional Map is Before the Supreme Court. Now the Legal Battles Begin.," Colorado Sun (October 1, 2021)
- Quote, "GOP, Latinos Could Post Gains in New Colorado Districts Map (1)," Bloomberg Government (September 29, 2021)
- Quote, "Remapping 2021 | A Final Colorado Congressional Map Must Be Approved this Week," Colorado Sun (September 27, 2021)
- Quote, "The Latest Draft of Colorado's District Map Could Become the Final Version," The Journal (September 24, 2021)
- Quote, "The Latest Draft of Colorado's Congressional Map Could Become the Final Version. Here's Where the Districts Would Be," Colorado Sun (September 23, 2021)
- Quote, "Here are the Themes from Meetings Across Colorado on the State's New Congressional, Legislative Maps," Colorado Sun (September 3, 2021)
- Quote, "Census Data Release Will Start House Redistricting Scramble," Roll Call (August 11, 2021)
- Quote, "Colorado's Democratic Lawmakers Are Eager to Pass Effective Gun Control Legislation" 5280 Magazine (April 2, 2021)

Professional Appearances

- Lecture, "Engaging the Executive Branch as an Entrepreneur," Entrepreneurial Policy Academy(2021)