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A strategic litigator, Carrie Johnson focuses on resolving disputes involving complex contractual issues, securities, fraud, and breach of fiduciary duties, giving her a rounded skillset with which to meet all of her clients' needs.

Carrie approaches complex business disputes by building relationships and open lines of communication with all parties involved. Her aggressive yet proactive approach to litigation gives her the ability to navigate complex disputes integral to the future of her clients' businesses, underscored by her steady hand in guiding and supporting clients through these often stressful, difficult circumstances.

Before moving to Denver, Carrie worked for two years in the firm's D.C. office as part of the Government Relations Department, where she worked on a variety of environmental, telecommunications and other regulatory issues. Her experience in Washington, D.C., is foundational to her ability to maintain key alliances, build rapport between opposing sides in litigation and develop creative solutions for her clients. In addition to her complex commercial litigation practice, Carrie applies her Government Relations experience to litigation related to federal or state administrative actions and the application of environmental laws such as CERCLA and the Clean Water Act.

Practices

Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Securities Litigation & Enforcement

Representative Matters

- Filed an amicus brief on behalf of Intellectual Ventures Management and individual inventors in the U.S. Supreme Court in the Microsoft Corporation v. i4i Limited Partnership patent case. At issue was the appropriate standard of proof in a patent validity challenge. In the brief, amici argued that the statutory presumption of patent validity and long-standing precedent support the application of the existing "clear and convincing" standard. Further, given the importance of innovation and investment to the U.S. economy, a change in the standard would disturb the careful balance Congress has created and diminish the value of patents. Brownstein attorneys worked with co-counsel at Susman Godfrey on the preparation of the brief. On June 9, 2011, the Supreme Court upheld the application of the "clear and convincing" standard in an 8-0 decision.
- Serves as independent fiduciary counsel to the board of directors of a \$45 billion public pension fund.

Community

Board of Directors, EarthLinks, Inc.

Publications & Presentations

- Kokesh May Lead to Lower Monetary Sanctions in SEC Enforcement Proceedings, *Brownstein Client Alert*, June 21, 2017
- The Year Ahead for GCs and Compliance Officers: Reporting from the Annual SIFMA Compliance & Legal Society Seminar, Co-author, *Brownstein Client Alert*, March 27, 2017

- Brownstein Victory Demonstrates Value of Vigorously Challenging Materiality Allegations in Securities Fraud Trials, *Brownstein Client Alert*, January 10, 2017
- Supreme Court Opens Pathway To Increased Insider Trading Prosecutions, *Brownstein Client Alert*, December 7, 2016
- Insider Trading - Will The U.S. Supreme Court Roll Back Newman?, *Brownstein Client Alert*, October 7, 2016
- D.C. Circuit Upholds Constitutionality of SEC Administrative Law Judges, *Brownstein Client Alert*, August 10, 2016
- June Marks Upsurge in SEC Whistleblower Awards, *Brownstein Client Alert*, June 15, 2016
- SEC's Andrew Ceresney Warns Private Equity, *Brownstein Client Alert*, June 8, 2016
- Delaware Supreme Court Clarifies Standards in Corporate Takeovers, *Brownstein Client Alert*, May 23, 2016
- Rocky Mountain Securities Conference: Cybersecurity Takes Center Stage, *Brownstein Client Alert*, May 17, 2016

Education

- J.D., 2009, with honors, The George Washington University Law School
- B.A., 2006, with highest honors, University of Nebraska
- Undergraduate Studies, 2005-2006, University of Granada (Granada, Spain)

Admissions

- Colorado

Recognition

Colorado Super Lawyers, Rising Stars, 2015-2019

IMPACT Denver, 2016

Thurgood Marshall Scholar

Membership

Colorado Bar Association

Colorado Women's Bar Association