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Services

- Litigation
- Business Law
- Business Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
- Commercial Real Estate
- Employment Law
- Construction Law
- Corporate Law
- Mediation & Arbitration
- Municipal Law
- Land Use and Zoning
- Civil Rights

VIKRAMA S. (VIKA) CHANDRASHEKAR

Vika is an experienced Colorado trial attorney with deep civil and commercial litigation experience across a variety of industries and sectors. This experience includes business-to-business disputes, such as breach of contract litigation and business torts; internal business disputes, such as shareholder/member litigation, derivative litigation, and corporate governance issues; creditors' rights, including foreclosures, collections, insolvency, receivership, bankruptcy, and workouts; property and real estate issues, such as landlord/tenant disputes, zoning challenges, and land use litigation; regulatory actions, including liquor and other business licenses; and cases involving municipal entities, including vindication of individual and business rights.

Vika regularly works with companies and individuals in various industries that are important to Colorado's economy, including commercial and residential real estate, lending and financing institutions, cannabis, hospitality, food and beverage, and construction. No matter the industry or subject matter, Vika is known for putting his clients' needs first, providing regular communication and case evaluation along with a combination of aggressive advocacy and a practical approach to resolving disputes. Throughout his career, he has handled bench trials, jury trials, and arbitration hearings to verdict. Vika joined JKW in May 2026.

Since 2021 he has been recognized as a Rising Star by Colorado Super Lawyers and as a Best Lawyers® – Ones to Watch. Vika is also a Past President of the South Asian Bar Association of Colorado, an organization in which he continues to be active.

Vika loves to enjoy all Colorado has to offer alongside his wife, daughter, and three dogs. An avid sports fan, he can often be found cheering on his beloved Texas Longhorns, Houston Rockets, and Houston Texans, as well as his adopted teams – the Colorado Buffaloes, Denver Nuggets, Denver Broncos, and Colorado Avalanche.

Bar Admissions

- Colorado
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado
- United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado
- United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

Education

- University of Colorado Wolf School of Law, J.D. (2015)
- Vice President, University of Colorado Law Class of 2015
- Dean's List, Fall 2012
- Reilly Pozner Trial Challenge Chair, University of Colorado Barristers' Council
- Best Advocate, 2015 National Trial Competition, Rocky Mountain Region
- Associate Editor, University of Colorado Law Review

Education (Continued)

- The University of Texas at Austin
- B.A., Plan II Honors & Spanish (2012)
- Dean's List
- Sigma Alpha Lambda
- Honors Graduate
- Captain, University of Texas Club Tennis
- Fundraising Chair, Pratham UT

Published Works

- *Author*, "Q&A: An update on the cannabis industry and evolving litigation trends in Colorado," Denver Business Journal, March 1, 2025
- *Quoted*, "Federal government enacting new tipping rule for restaurants," Denver Business Journal, November 2021
- *Co-Author*, "Evictions in the Time of COVID-19," Colorado Real Estate Journal, April 2020
- *Co-Author*, "Practical Considerations Surrounding the Applicability of Force Majeure Clauses in the Midst of COVID-19," Firm Blog, March 2020
- *Co-Author*, "The Evolving Legal Landscape of Employee Cannabis Use," Marijuana Venture, August 2019
- *Author*, "Getting Even Less Than What They Paid For: The Plight of Generic Drug Consumers Under the Levine-Mensing Dichotomy," 86 U. Colo. L. Rev. 259 (2014)

Seminars/Presentations

- *Moderator*, "TROs and Preliminary Injunctions," Financial Poise, Litigation Basics (January 2026)
- *Moderator*, "Dispositive Motions," Financial Poise, Litigation Basics (April 2026)
- *Guest Speaker*, "Episode 24 – South Asian Bar Association and EDI Education," Colorado Bar Association – Young Lawyer Division's "Gettin Legal With It" Podcast, September 2021
- *Speaker*, "Decision Making During Adversity: Pathways to Pivot," Colorado Brewers Guild Webinar, March 2020

Honors and Awards

- Colorado Super Lawyers® Rising Star (2021-2026)
- Best Lawyers ® One to Watch (2021-2025)

Professional Associations and Memberships

- *Member and Past President*, South Asian Bar Association of Colorado
- *Board Member*, University of Colorado Law Alumni Board (2025-present)

Pro Bono Activities

United States District Court for the District of Colorado Pro Bono Program (2019-present)

Languages

- Fluent Spanish
- Conversational Tamil