



Gerald McDermott: Recipient: Norm Kripke Lifetime Achievement Award, 1999; American Jurisprudence Award, 1969. Listed in The Best Lawyers in America, + 20 years. Staff Member, Denver Law Journal, 1968-1969. Author: "Applicability of Miranda to a Criminal Tax Suspect," Denver Law Journal, Vol. 45, No. 5, 1968. Attorney, Public Defender's Office, Adams County, 1969. Founding Member, Trial Lawyers for Public Justice. Member: Colorado Supreme Court Committee on Civil Jury Instruction, 1980; Colorado Supreme Court Committee on Effective and Efficient Use of Juries, 1996-1997; Colorado Governor's Task Force on Insurance and Tort Reform, 1985-1986; Colorado Governor's Insurance Task Force, 1989-1990; Colorado Governor's Civil Justice Reform Task Force, 1999-2000. Faculty Member, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, 1983-1985. Fellow: International Society of Barristers; American College of Trial Lawyers.

### **Areas of Practice**

Civil Trials  
Personal Injury  
Medical Malpractice  
Legal Malpractice  
Commercial Torts  
Product Liability  
Insurance Law

### **Litigation Percentage**

100% of Practice Devoted to Litigation

### **Bar Admissions**

Colorado, 1969  
U.S. District Court District of Colorado, 1969  
West Virginia, 2005  
U.S. Court of Appeals 10th Circuit, 1970

### **Education**

University of Denver College of Law, Denver, Colorado

J.D. - 1969

Honors: Recipient, American Jurisprudence Award, 1969

Law Review: Denver Law Journal, Staff Member, 1968 – 1969

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado

B.A. - 1964

Major: Political Science

### **Representative Cases**

[Ballow v. PHICO Ins. Co., 878 P.2d 672 \(Colo. 1994\)](#)

[Bebo v. Mattox & O'Brien, P.C., 990 P.2d 78 \(Colo. 1999\)](#)

[Bebo v. Mattox & O'Brien, P.C., 998 P.2d 475 \(Colo. 2000\)](#)

[ITI v. Engineering Measurements Co., 678 P.2d 558 \(Colo. App. 1983\)](#)

[Curtis v. General Motors Corp., 649 F.2d 808 \(10th Cir 1981\)](#)

### **Classes/Seminars**

Lecturer - Continuing Legal Education and Trial Lawyers Associations

Lecturer - Colorado Medical Society Conference and Seminars

Lecturer - University of Colorado School of Dentistry

Lecturer - Several conferences of nursing associations and hospital nursing staff regarding professional negligence and liability

Lecturer - Insurance claims associations and industrial associations

Faculty Speaker - 13th Annual Hospital Medical Staff Conference, University of Colorado School of Medicine

Speaker - Colorado Judicial Conference

Honors and Awards

Listed in The Best Lawyers in America from the inception of the publication to present

Listed in Colorado Super Lawyer

Colorado Trial Lawyers Lifetime Achievement Award (Kenneth N. Kripke Award)

Gubernatorial Appointee by Governor Lamm to Colorado Task Force, 1985 - 1986

Gubernatorial Appointee by Governor Romer to Colorado Insurance Tax Force, 1989 - 1990

Gubernatorial Appointee by Governor Owens to Task Force on Civil Justice Reform, 1999 – 2000

### **Professional Associations and Memberships**

Fellow, International Academy of Trial Lawyers

Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers

Fellow, International Society of Barristers

Colorado Trial Lawyers Association, President 1985-1986, Officer 1981-1985, Board of Directors 1977-Present, Member 1969-Present  
American Trial Lawyers Association, Member, Board of Governors, 1986 - 1992  
ATLA National College of Advocacy Faculty, Member  
Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, Founding Member  
Colorado Supreme Court Committee On Pattern Jury Instructions, Civil, Member, 1980 - 2009  
Colorado Supreme Court Committee For Effective and Efficient Use of Juries, Member, 1996 - 1998  
Colorado Bar Association, 1969 - Present  
Colorado Bar Association, Negligence Section Council, Chairperson, 1975 - 1976  
Colorado Bar Association, Litigation Section Council, Chairperson, 1976 - 1977  
Colorado Bar Association, Ad Hoc Liaison Committee with Colorado Supreme Court, Chairperson, 1976 - 1977  
Colorado Bar Association, Interprofessional Committee, Chairperson 1976-1978, Member 1971-present  
Colorado Bar Association, Right to Die Committee, Member, 1977 - 1978  
Denver Bar Association, First Vice President 1980-1981, Member 1977-present  
American Bar Association, Committee on Medicine and Law, Vice Chair, 1987 - 1989  
National Institute of Trial Advocacy Faculty, Member

### **Past Employment Positions**

Adams County Public Defender's Office, Attorney  
Private Practice, Attorney, 1970-present