

ALEX J. HARRIS

PARTNER

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Alex Harris is a trial lawyer who handles a diverse array of high-stakes litigation matters, including mass tort, trade secrets, defamation, and complex commercial disputes in state and federal courts across the country. In recent years, Alex has served on trial teams for a trade secret jury trial for Hewlett Packard Enterprise related to automated testing software, a bench trial involving equitable claims for unjust enrichment and *quantum meruit* brought by the founder of a group of privately held oil and gas companies, and a public nuisance jury trial for Walgreens as part of nationwide litigation related to the distribution and sale of prescription opioid medications.

Alex also maintains a pro bono practice, including successfully representing an asylum seeker fleeing persecution and death threats by a Central American drug cartel.

Alex graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School, where he was a recipient of the Sears Prize and served as Supreme Court Chair of the *Harvard Law Review*. After law school, Alex clerked for Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court and the Honorable Neil M. Gorsuch of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

EDUCATION & HONORS

Harvard Law School, 2015, J.D., *magna cum laude*

Sears Prize Winner

Harvard Law Review, Supreme Court Chair

Research Assistant, Professor Jack Goldsmith

Patrick Henry College, 2012, B.A., Government, *summa cum laude*

Trustees' Academic Excellence Award (highest GPA in class)

CLERKSHIPS

Honorable Anthony M. Kennedy, Supreme Court of the United States, 2016-2017

Honorable Neil M. Gorsuch, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, 2015-2016

ADMISSIONS

Colorado

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Opioids Litigation

National counsel for Walgreens in nationwide litigation relating to the distribution and sale of prescription opioid medications, including more than 2,500 cases brought by states, cities, counties, tribes, and private parties seeking recovery in connection with the opioid abuse crisis. MDL in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio and a large number of related cases in state courts.

Grynberg v. Grynberg

Trial counsel for defendants in state court bench trial involving equitable claims for unjust enrichment and quantum meruit brought by founder of a group of privately held oil and gas companies, including claims for compensation for services and assets provided to the companies. Plaintiffs sought \$400 million in compensation at trial. Won a complete defense verdict, which the Colorado Court of Appeals affirmed in its entirety.

TurnKey Solutions v. Hewlett Packard Enterprise (D. Colo.)

Member of trial team for HPE in trade secret and breach-of-contract litigation concerning automated testing software.

PRO BONO MATTERS

Confidential Immigration Court Proceeding (Aurora, CO)

Represented asylum seeker fleeing persecution and death threats by a Central American drug cartel. Secured asylum for client on all grounds asserted, over U.S. Department of Justice opposition, after a day-long trial in immigration court.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLICATIONS

Forbes Magazine, 30 Under 30 for Law & Policy (2017)

NEWS

INSIGHT: Two Former SCOTUS Law Clerks Call Dial-in-Arguments a Success
05.13.2020

PUBLICATIONS

Reconciling State Sovereign Immunity with the Fourteenth Amendment
129 *Harv. L. Rev.* 1068, 2016

Do Hard Things: A Teenage Rebellion Against Low Expectations
2008