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## David L. Murphy

### Of Counsel

David L. Murphy is Of Counsel with McConaughy & Sarkissian, P.C. Mr. Murphy was admitted to practice law in Colorado in 1991 and is admitted to practice in all Colorado state courts and the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. He received a Bachelor's degree in Economics and a minor in Philosophy from Colorado State University in 1987 and his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from The University of Denver in 1991.

Dave, in his 27 years of practice as a Colorado insurance defense attorney, has tried to the court or juries approximately 25 cases and approximately five arbitrations. His trials started with fairly straightforward automobile accident and injury trials, and eventually grew to include trials involving claims of brain injuries, spinal injuries, and wrongful death. Some of his work led to published appellate decisions in both the Colorado Court of Appeals and Colorado Supreme Court. (See, e.g., *State Farm Mut. Auto Ins Co. v. McMillain*, 925 P.2d 785 (Colo.1996) (whether road rage shooting was expected or intended from standpoint of insured); (*In Re Mitchell*, 981 P.2d 172 (Colo.1999) (receipt of confidential information by an expert disqualifies expert from assisting other party); (*Haller v. Hawkeye-Security Ins. Co.*, 936 P.2d 601 (Colo.App.1997) (untimely notice prejudicial to insurer).

Over time, the nature of his trial work expanded to include insurance bad faith trials; a bad faith trial involving an alleged arson at a restaurant in southern Colorado, as well as various construction and general liability trials such as an airplane/bus collision at Denver Int'l Airport; an asbestos spill in a commercial build; a claim against an insurance agent for allegedly failing to secure proper coverage to cover an entire crop loss due to a computer failure; a trial against a homebuilder for allegedly constructing defective foundations in two homes; and a trial against an excavator seeking contribution for allegedly causing foundation damages to a home. Last year, he tried an insurance bad faith trial in Aspen, Colorado stemming from alleged failure to pay for repairs to a home in Aspen following a roof failure.



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### Related Practices

Business Litigation  
Civil Litigation  
Construction  
Insurance  
Products Liability

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### Education

University of Denver Law  
School  
(J.D. 1991)  
  
Colorado State University  
(B.S. 1991)

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### Memberships & Affiliations

- Colorado Bar Association
- Colorado Defense Lawyers Association Member

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### Admissions

Colorado

US District Court, 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit