

Craig B. Shaffer

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

United States Magistrate Judge

2001 - Present

As a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Colorado, I am responsible for case management and the resolution of pretrial matters in civil cases, and conduct hearings and issue recommendations or final decisions on contested dispositive motions. I may exercise the full range of authority as trial judge where the parties consent pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636. In criminal cases, I have the authority to conduct initial proceedings in felony cases, and may conduct all proceedings in misdemeanor criminal trials. I also conduct settlement conferences and perform alternative dispute resolution services in cases pending before the District Court.

Moye, Giles, O’Keefe, Vermeire & Gorrell, LLP [partner]
Dufford & Brown, P.C. [director/shareholder]

2000-2001
1991-2000

While in private practice, focused on litigation, both civil and criminal, with particular emphasis in the areas of environmental law, criminal law and complex commercial litigation. Representative of my litigation practice were the following:

- C successfully defended a corporate entity named as a potentially liable party in connection with the Summitville Mine Superfund Site
- C successfully defended a corporate entity in toxic tort litigation
- C represented federal banking regulators in a fraud and racketeering case involving a national bank and a Wall Street brokerage firm
- C successfully raised constitutional takings claims on behalf of property owners at a Superfund site
- C successfully defended client in a multi-defendant, white-collar prosecution involving charges of racketeering and mail fraud
- C defended corporate client in construction contract dispute

My practice also involved representing corporate clients in business transactions, including the formation of corporate entities, the sale of intellectual property, and real estate transactions.

United States Department of Justice

Environment and Natural Resources Division

1988-1991

Represented federal agencies in civil litigation arising under federal environmental statutes, as well as related tort litigation. As a senior trial attorney, responsible for the preparation and litigation of federal district and appellate court litigation and the supervision of junior attorneys. While with the Environmental Defense Section, represented the United States Army in the *Love Canal* litigation, the United States Department of Energy in connection with its Rocky Flats facility, and the United States Air Force as a potentially responsible party at various Superfund sites.

Civil Rights Division

1983-1988

As a senior attorney in the Civil Rights Division’s Criminal Section, responsible for grand jury investigations and subsequent prosecution of cases arising in the enforcement of federal criminal civil rights

statutes. Prosecuted cases throughout the United States involving hate crimes perpetrated by the Klu Klux Klan and other hate groups, as well as civil rights violations committed by law enforcement officers. Regularly gave training lectures on civil rights prosecutions to members of the District of Columbia Police Department.

United States Navy

Senior Commissioner, Navy-Marine Corps Court of Military Review

1980-1983

Researched and drafted opinions for the Chief Judge of the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Military Review. As Senior Commissioner, supervised the work of four junior commissioners and represented the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Military Review in arguments before the United States Court of Military Appeals.

Naval Legal Services Office, Naples, Italy

1979-
1980

Served as prosecutor or defense counsel in felony courts martial within a military judicial circuit encompassing Europe and the Middle East. As a senior counsel, responsible for trial teams of attorneys and court reporters detailed from Naples in response to requests from deployed naval units.

DISTINCTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

United States Navy

Navy Commendation Medal - 1980

United States Department of Justice

Special Achievement Award - 1990

Letter of Commendation from the Attorney General - 1988

Certificate of Commendation - 1988

Special Achievement Award - 1987

Letter of Commendation - 1987

Special Achievement Award - 1986

Sedona Conference Advisory Board (2006-present)

Adjunct Faculty, University of Denver College of Law (2003-present)

Instructor, Inter-Sessional Trial Advocacy Program, University of Colorado School of Law (1992-1997)

Lecturer, University of Phoenix, Colorado Campus (1994-2000)

Board of Directors, National Kidney Foundation of Colorado (1991-1997)

Board of Directors, Colorado Lawyers Committee (1997-1999)

EDUCATION

J.D., *magna cum laude*, Tulane University School of Law, 1979

B.A., College of William and Mary, 1976