

BEN LOVELL

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EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Juris Doctor

Denver, CO

May 2023

- **Trial Team Honors:** Regional Champion, National Trial Competition Regional (Feb 2023); Winner Most Professional Team and 3rd Place at Hoffman Competition (2023); Competitor in Tournament of Champions (Oct 2022) and National Trial Competition Nationals (Mar–Apr 2023); Semi-Finalist, Cap City Invitational (Feb 2022).
- **Leadership:** Coach for University of Colorado Boulder Undergraduate Mock Trial Team and University of Denver Student Trial Lawyer Association.

University of Minnesota

Bachelor of Music in Classical Guitar Performance

Minneapolis, MN

May 2011

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Make Right Law

Associate Attorney

Santa Fe, NM

May 2025 – June 2026

- Litigated civil torts cases involving contract disputes, negligence, and personal injury from intake to trial preparation in state and federal court; defended expert and client depositions, participated in mediations, and successfully defeated motions for dismissal, summary judgment, and improper discovery demands.
- Oversaw FEMA claims appeals and participated in negotiations with FEMA legal counsel on behalf of claimants concerning legal administration of the Hermit's Peak and Calf Canyon Fire Act; represented a water association in protest of commercial use in water-scarce areas.
- Litigated mass torts fire claims, including high-volume motions practice and defending high-frequency depositions.

New Mexico Department of Justice

Assistant Attorney General – Consumer Protection Bureau

Santa Fe, NM

March 2025 – April 2025

- Investigated consumer complaints, developed cases, filed Complaints, and negotiated restitution for price-gouging and civil fraud; drafted and served Civil Investigative Demands, participated in mass discovery review, and negotiated Assurances of Discontinuance.
- Worked with the FTC and state Attorneys General in litigation resulting in a successful preliminary injunction of the proposed Kroger and Albertsons merger; worked with NMDOJ antitrust attorneys to investigate price fixing.
- Reviewed potential legislation for legal issues, provided guidance to the legislature, and investigated and drafted proposals for new litigation priorities.

Buchanan Law Firm

Associate (Oct 2023 – Jan 2024) | Law Clerk (June 2023 – Oct 2023)

Albuquerque, NM

June 2023 – Jan 2024

- Moved Plaintiff trucking, personal injury, and employment cases from intake to resolution including client interviews, drafting and filing pleadings, discovery, motions practice, settlement negotiations, and trial preparation in state and federal court.
- Researched and advised on issues encompassing evidentiary disputes, insurance bad faith, and Rule 11 sanctions.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Self-Employed / Musician / Instructor (2011–2016) • **Marketing** – Castleton Festival (2012–2014) • **English Teacher in Spain** (Feb 2015 – June 2016) • **Contract Landman** (2016–2021)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Expunge Colorado, Denver, CO – *Volunteer* (Oct 2022)

Provided consultations and legal access for criminal record sealing and expungement.

BAR ADMISSIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Admissions: Minnesota State Bar (Pending); New Mexico State Bar (Oct 2023)

Memberships: New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association (NMTLA)