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About Sandy

Ms. Eloranto has been defending insurance companies and their insureds for over 20 years. Her practice includes defending bad faith suits stemming from property damage or UM/UIM claims and counseling insurers on claim handling exposure in property claims in Colorado. Ms. Eloranto also defends premises liability, products liability, and construction cases and handles small E-discovery matters. She previously defended doctors and hospitals in medical malpractice cases as well as drug and device manufacturers in national drug litigation.

Biography	<p>Ms. Eloranto has successfully defended her clients in property damage bad faith cases stemming from hail, fire, and other storm damage. She and Katie Johnson obtained a defense verdict in a federal district court trial where the insureds claimed the insurance company breached the contract by refusing to pay for a full roof replacement. Ms. Eloranto also obtained dismissal of the bad faith claims in a dispute over the nature and extent of hail damage to a commercial building by proving the insured had not even provided the information it now claimed made the claim handling unreasonable to the insurance company to consider. She has presented to the Colorado Bar Association, Colorado Defense Lawyers Association, and Claims Litigation Management on handling property bad faith cases.</p> <p>In addition to bad faith, Ms. Eloranto has defended numerous cases involving catastrophic injuries, giving her the ability to quickly assess complex medical causation and damages issues and retain</p>
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physicians and other medical experts to defend her clients. She has also managed multi-million dollar E-Discovery collections from the preservation and collection and production. She has drafted legal hold policies, managed the collection and production of foreign language documents, and negotiated complicated two-tier protection of electronic document production specifications.

Ms. Eloranto was named a Colorado Super Lawyers Rising Star® in 2010 and a Super Lawyer® in 2019-2023. During her practice, she has been active in the Faculty Advocates, Colorado Women's Bar Association (board member, 2005-2007), the Colorado Lawyers Association, and the Defense Research Institute. She also served on the Swedish Hospital Ethics Committee on Colorado's medical directive statute in Colorado and Washington (inactive). She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon and her law degree from the University of Oregon where she was Editor for the Oregon Law Review.