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**Proactive**

HB21-1300 Health-care Provider Liens For Injured Persons
HB21-1300 ensures underserved communities will continue to get the medical treatment they need when they are hurt because of the negligence of others.

HB21-1188 – Additional Liability Under Respondeat Superior
The “Ferrer” bill overturned a 2017 legal ruling that allowed corporations with unsafe practices to defer all blame on employees to avoid legal accountability.

SB21-088 – Child Sexual Abuse Accountability Act
This bill creates a new cause of action for child sexual assault claims, allowing victims injured as far back as 1960 to file claims against the institutions that engaged in cover-ups of these heinous crimes.

**Defensive**

HB21-1074 & SB21-080 – COVID-19 Liability Immunity
These bills would have provided a liability immunity shield to entities whose negligence regarding the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in damages to consumers.

HB21-1089 – Assumption Of Risk Liability At Wakeboard Parks
HB 21-1089 would have established blanket immunity for wakeboard parks.

SB21-079 – Deregulate Meat Sales Direct To Consumers
This bill initially allowed for individuals to sell meat without licensure, regulation, or inspection by a public health industry. It also explicitly cleared the seller of any liability for damages caused by consumption of the meat. CTLA helped remove the provisions that would allow negligence in sales.

SB21-127 – Department Of Regulatory Agencies Regulator Authority During Declared Emergency
This bill would have allowed the regulatory board overseeing health care professionals and other occupations to waive statutes or rules pertaining to the profession if the Governor had declared a state of emergency.

SB21-170 – Wild Fire Mitigation Cooperative Electric Association
SB21-170 would have granted immunity to a cooperative electrical association if the association had a “wildfire protection plan.”
Legislative Accomplishments

HB18-1256 Sunset Continue Civil Rights Division and Commission
Prime Sponsors: Speaker Duran (D-Denver) Representative Herod (D-Denver) Senator Gardner (R-Colorado Springs)
The vote to reauthorize the Colorado Civil Rights Division and Commission went down to the wire with a compromise reached between the House and the Senate, just 30 minutes to the midnight deadline. The agreement reached changed the commission structure to seven individuals (three with a business background, three who represent employee groups and one at-large member and four of the seven members must be from a protected class) all appointed by the Governor but now must be confirmed by the Senate. The agreement added additional language that if the Senate does not confirm a re-appointment, that individual can no longer serve on the commission.

HB18-1398 Statute of Limitations Domestic Violence Torts
Prime Sponsors: Senator Gardner (R-Colorado Springs) Representative(s) Gray (D-Broomfield) Wist (R-Centennial)
HB-1398 is a big victory for victims of domestic violence. This bill extends the statute of limitations for a civil action from one year to six and no more than 20. CTLA’s Pam Maass shepherded this bill from creation through final passage.

HB18-1243 Civil Rape Shield
Prime Sponsors: Senator(s) Coram (R-Montrose) Fields (D-Denver) Representative(s) Foote (D-Lafayette) Wist (R-Centennial)
The Civil Rape Shield bill quietly made its way through both chambers and was signed by Governor Hickenlooper on April 25th. Colorado criminal law presumes that evidence of a victim's prior sexual history is irrelevant and inadmissible with few exceptions. This is now also true in civil cases. Allegations and actual instances of sexual harassment consumed the Capitol this session. The Civil Rape Shield is one of the few meaningful actions that the General Assembly took to help victims of sexual assault. CTLA’s Pam Maass was also the driving force behind this bill and HB18-1398 the Statute of Limitations for Domestic Violence Torts.
SB18-022 Clinical Practice for Opioid Prescribing  
Prime Sponsors: Senator(s) Aguilar (D-Denver) Tate (R-Centennial) Representative(s) Pettersen (D-Lakewood) Kennedy (D-Lakewood)  
Senate Bill 22 was introduced on January 10th and did not see final passage until May 7th and wins this session’s record for most time spent discussing during Lobby Council calls. CTLA was ultimately successful in preserving the discovery of records pertaining to the prescribing of opioids by practitioners.

SB18-056 Civil Jurisdiction of County Courts and Filing Fees  
Prime Sponsors: Senator Jahn (I-Wheat Ridge) Representative(s) Lee (D-Colorado Springs) Willett (R-Grand Junction)  
Senate Bill 56 raises the limit of a claim filed in county court from $15,000 to $25,000 as of January 1, 2019.

SB18-169 Offenses Against Civil and Administrative Witnesses  
Prime Sponsors: Senator Gardner (R-Colorado Springs) Representative Carver (R-Colorado Springs)  
The Intimidation or retaliation of a witness or victim in a civil proceeding now carries the same punishment as that of a criminal proceeding.

SB18-023 Promote Off-label Use of Pharmaceutical Products  
Prime Sponsors: Senator Martinez Humenik (R-Thornton) Representative Ginal (D-Fort Collins)  
The Off-label Use of Pharmaceutical Products also known as the dubious “Free Speech in Medicine Act,” would have allowed pharmaceutical manufacturers to promote prescription drugs, medical devices, and biological products in a manner other than that approved by the FDA. Shortly after SB-023 was introduced an unlikely coalition emerged in stiff opposition to the bill. Led by CTLA, the opposition included AARP, Kaiser Permanente, Johnson & Johnson, Colorado Academy of Family Physicians, Colorado Pharmacists Society and many more. Our lobbyists organizing efforts assured the defeat of this legislation and on February 15th the Senate Health and Human Services Committee killed the bill. The vote on the motion to postpone indefinitely was 4-1 in favor.

A special thank you to CTLA EAGLE member Scott Eldredge for his efforts.

SB18-123 Asbestos Trust Claims Transparency Act  
Prime Sponsors: Senator Sonnenberg (R-Sterling) Representative Liston (R-Colorado Springs)  
The Asbestos Trust Claims Act sponsored by Nationwide Insurance managed to squeak its way out of the Senate with former Democrat, turned Independent, Senator Jahn siding with the Republican Majority. The bill was heard in the House Judiciary Committee where CTLA EAGLE member Kevin Hannon testified on behalf of CTLA. The House Judiciary moved to postpone the bill indefinitely by a vote of 7-4 in favor.