

Emma Johnston:

I was very lucky to get to clerk at the Colorado Supreme Court and meet these incredible mentors and role models who just taught me invaluable lessons about the law and about our state as well. That experience of hearing that insider's perspective, that was, I mean, really the best sort of foundational experience you can get.

My name is Emma Johnston. I'm an attorney in the civil group here at Richards Carrington. People who are turning to civil litigators are usually dealing with something really difficult and they want to turn to someone they trust and they want someone who they know will really be an advocate. I like advocating for people, so building up that skillset of representing people who need the representation and who need someone to really stand up for themselves was what appealed to me.

One of the most valuable things we did at the court was they would hold oral arguments and attorneys would get up and speak to the court and the court would ask them questions. Then we would go back to chambers and the justice would tell us what he liked or disliked about an argument. Some things that we all think judges love, they actually can see right through it. Now, when I'm writing a brief or I'm thinking of an argument, having that perspective is really valuable. Because I was working at the court, I actually dealt with a lot of criminal cases, a lot of different civil cases, anything from contract disputes to employment issues.

I think this firm is so unique. You get to know every person that you're working with. I get to be on calls with clients and I get to feel like the work I'm doing actually adds value to cases, and it's a different thing every day.