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## Related Practices

Labor, Employment and Benefits

Litigation

Class Actions and Mass Torts

Commercial

Insurance

Product Liability

Professional Liability

Torts / Personal Injury

## Related Industries

Construction and Design

## OVERVIEW

Sonya Burke is a shareholder in the firm’s Litigation group, where she practices primarily in insurance coverage defense. She represents insurance companies and their insureds in a variety of contexts. Sonya represents professionals in professional liability matters, and has represented realtors, attorneys, and contractors. She also assists with construction and design cases, employment matters including EEOC investigations, and breach of contract litigation. Sonya has been recognized as a Southwest Rising Star by *Southwest Super Lawyers®*.

Sonya received her law degree from Boston University School of Law, where she served as the Administrative Editor of the BU Public Interest Law Journal in addition to representing indigent defendants through the BU Criminal Clinic. She received her undergraduate degree in English, with a French minor, from the University of Texas at Austin. Sonya studied abroad in the French university system through Columbia University in Paris while attending Tulane University. After Hurricane Katrina, she transferred to the University of Texas.

Sonya enjoys traveling, skiing, heading outdoors with fellow Modrall Sperling attorneys, and spending time with her dogs, Donkey and Oliver.

## Education

Boston University School of Law, J.D., 2012, Administrative Editor, *BU Public Interest Law Journal*

University of Texas, B.A. in English and French minor, 2007, Academic Honors

## Bar Admissions

New Mexico

U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

## ACTIVITIES

- Hope Works (formerly St. Martin’s Hospitality Center) Board Member, 2017 to present, Secretary, 2017-2019



- DRI Construction Law Desk Reference, New Mexico Editor
- State Bar of New Mexico, Young Lawyers Division

## NEWS & ARTICLES

### Alerts

#### **Modrall Sperling Employment Newsletter**

Posted on [March 26, 2020](#) By [Jennifer G. Anderson](#), [Megan T. Muirhead](#) and [Nathan T. Nieman](#)

### News

#### **Modrall Sperling Announces Two New Shareholders**

Posted on [January 1, 2020](#) By [Daniel Schueler](#)

### Articles

#### **Tips for Conducting Employee Investigations**

*Albuquerque Business First,*

October 9, 2018

By [Sonya R. Burke](#)

#### **Construction Law in New Mexico**

July 26, 2018

By [Sonya R. Burke](#)

#### **Indemnification Clauses after *Safeway***

March 11, 2016

By [Sonya R. Burke](#) and [Jennifer A. Noya](#)

## HONORS

- *Southwest Super Lawyers®*, selected as a Southwest Rising Star, 2021