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EDUCATION

Duke Law School *Durham, North Carolina*
Latin Legum Magister, expected May 2025

University of Colorado School of Law *Boulder, Colorado*
Juris Doctorate, Spring 2003

Honors: University of Colorado Law School Academic Scholarship, 2000-2001

Activities: University of Colorado Law School Trial Team, 2002-2003

Carrigan Cup Recipient, Fall 2002

Women's Law Caucus, 2000-2002

Secretary and Treasurer for the Doman International Law Society, 2000-2002

University Faculty Hiring Committee, 2000-2001

American Bar Association Student Representative, 2000-2002

Legal Aid 2002-2003

Colorado State University *Fort Collins, Colorado*

Bachelor of Science with a major in Psychology and a minor in Political Science, Spring 2000

Academic Honors: Colorado State University Performing Arts Scholarship, 1997-2000

Student Leaders in Science Honors Scholarship, 1997

Dean's List, 1998-2000

Student Ambassador for the President, 1998

Department of Psychology Honors Scholarship, 1999-2000

Colorado State University Pacesetter, 1999-2000

Debate Honors: Buffalo Chips Invitational Parliamentary Debate Champion, 1998 and 1999

Guest Debater for the International British Debates hosted by Metro State University

Rocky Mountain Invitational Parliamentary Debate Champion, 1998 and 1999

Colorado College Parliamentary Debate Champion, 1999

United States Air Force Academy Parliamentary Debate Champion, 1999

Semi-Finalist National Parliamentary Debate Association, 2000

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Chief Judge 8th Judicial District State of Colorado *Fort Collins, CO* **2017-Present**

Chief District Court Judge of Larimer and Jackson Counties with experience in Civil, Criminal, Probate, Termination of Parental Rights/Adoptions, Domestic Relations, Magistrate Reviews, County Court Appeals. Administrative Head for the courts and probation which means overseeing over 200 employees, three courthouses, and four probation offices.

Colorado State University- Faculty *Fort Collins, CO* **2016-2020**
Instructor of Juvenile Law in the School of Social Work

Self Employed – Blanco Law Office *Fort Collins, CO* **2008-2016**
Criminal, juvenile delinquency, dependency and neglect, municipal, domestic relations, truancy and appeals

Town Prosecutor – Town of Timnath *Timnath, CO* **2009-2016**
Prosecuting Timnath municipal code , advising Timnath Police Department, development of diversion programming

Attorney – Office of the Child's Representative *Denver, CO* **2008 – 2016**
Guardian ad Litem providing legal representation for the best interest of children in the court system

Attorney – Alternate Defense Counsel *Denver, CO* **Fall 2007-2016**
Representation of indigent persons in criminal and juvenile delinquency cases

Law Office of Andrew Bertrand *Fort Collins, CO* **2007-2008**
Private criminal defense attorney

Deputy DA – 8th Judicial District Attorney's Office *Fort Collins, CO* **2002(Intern)/ 2004- 2007**
Practiced in County, Juvenile and District Court

University of Colorado Legal Aid Clinic *Boulder, CO* **2002**
Worked with clients and made special appearances in court, handled dispositions and conducted research

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<i>Colorado Judicial Branch Chief Judges' Council</i>	<i>2021-Present</i>
<i>Chair- Colorado Supreme Court Standing Committee (Pathways to Access Committee)</i>	<i>2021-Present</i>
<i>Co-Chair Information Technology Committee</i>	<i>2022-Present</i>
<i>Chair Virtual Proceedings Committee</i>	<i>2021-Present</i>
<i>Chair Digital Courts and Records Committee</i>	<i>2024-Present</i>
<i>Chair Advisory Committee on Language Access</i>	<i>2023-Present</i>
<i>Colorado Supreme Court Model Criminal Jury Instruction Committee</i>	<i>2021-Present</i>
<i>Larimer County Communities Correction Board</i>	<i>2021-Present</i>
<i>Colorado Access to Justice Commission</i>	<i>2020-Present</i>
<i>Colorado Bar Association Leadership Training</i>	<i>2020- Present</i>
<i>Colorado Judicial Conference Planning Committee</i>	<i>2017-Present</i>
<i>Colorado Women's Bar Association Board Member</i>	<i>2021-2023</i>
<i>Colorado Bar Association Diverse Attorney Circle</i>	<i>2020-2022</i>
<i>Colorado Bar Association Executive Committee Criminal Law</i>	<i>2019-2024</i>
<i>Larimer County Latinx Task Force- Chair</i>	<i>2021-2023</i>
<i>Colorado Judicial Conference (Faculty)</i>	<i>2018-2023</i>
<i>Colorado Judicial Domestic Relations and Probate Institute Planning Committee</i>	<i>2017-2023</i>
<i>Larimer County Bench Bar Committee</i>	<i>2014-Present</i>

HONORS

<i>TedX Mountain Avenue Speaker</i>	<i>2024</i>
<i>Colorado Women's Bar Association's Judicial Excellence Award</i>	<i>2023</i>
<i>City of Fort Collins Human Relations Award</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>Colorado Hispanic Bar Association Community Service Award</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>Colorado State University Bill Ritter Public Service Award</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>Larimer County ARC Going Above and Beyond for People with Disabilities Award</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>Office of the Child's Representative Standing Up for Children Award</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Character Fort Collins- Benevolence Award</i>	<i>2010</i>

CERTIFICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

<i>Colorado Bar Association</i>	<i>2016-Present</i>
<i>Larimer County Bar Association</i>	<i>2016-Present</i>
<i>Colorado Women's Bar Association</i>	<i>2015-Present</i>
<i>Larimer County Women's Bar Association</i>	<i>2015-Present</i>
<i>Colorado Hispanic Bar Association</i>	<i>2018-2022</i>
<i>National Association of Counsel for Children Child Welfare Certification</i>	<i>2012-2021</i>
<i>Mares-Dixon Mediation Training</i>	<i>2012</i>
<i>Colorado School of Family Therapy CFI certification</i>	<i>2010</i>

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE

<i>Poudre High School Advisory Committee</i>	<i>2021-Present</i>
<i>Off the Hook Arts Adult Chamber Orchestra Violinist</i>	<i>2019-2022</i>
<i>Camp Wapiyapi Children's Cancer Camp/Children's Hospital Volunteer</i>	<i>2012</i>
<i>Board Directors/Advisor- Center for Community Outreach</i>	<i>2009-2011</i>

LANGUAGES

Proficient in English and Farsi