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**PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE**

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL, BOULDER, CO
2005 – Present, Clinical Professor

SOLE PRACTITIONER, DENVER, CO
2004 – 2005, Law practice in juvenile and family law

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNSEL FOR CHILDREN, DENVER, CO
2002 – 2004, Program Director

LEGAL AID SOCIETY, JUVENILE RIGHTS DIVISION, NEW YORK, NY
1998 – 2002, Staff Attorney

**JUDICIAL
CLERKSHIP**

HONORABLE RICHARD PALMER AND HONORABLE FRANK MCCORMACK
Connecticut Supreme Court, Hartford, CO
1997 – 1998, judicial clerk

EDUCATION

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, Chicago, IL
J.D., January 1997
Honors: Civitas ChildLaw Scholar; Law Review

YALE LAW SCHOOL, NEW HAVEN, CT
1996, visiting law student

MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, OH,
B.Phil., May 1992, interdisciplinary studies
Honors: Cum laude

PUBLICATIONS

"GAL AND RPC CHECKLISTS;" "PRETRIAL HEARINGS;" AND "POST
TERMINATION REVIEW HEARINGS," GUIDED REFERENCE IN
DEPENDENCY: AN ADVOCACY GUIDE FOR ATTORNEYS IN DEPENDENCY
PROCEEDINGS, OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S REPRESENTATIVE (2012)

COLORADO STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S CHILD WELFARE
CURRICULUM (2011)

"CASE ASSESSMENT", CHILD WELFARE LAW AND PRACTICE, BRADFORD
PUBLISHING, DENVER CO (2010)

People v. Gabriesheski, Amicus brief, Colorado Supreme Court (with J.Koy and A. Kellogg), (2009)

A Resource Guide for Juvenile Law Practitioners, 36 Colo. Lawyer 10 (2007)

Model Children's Law Office Guidebook: Best Practice Guidelines for Organizational Representation of Children in Abuse and Neglect Cases," 78 Univ. Colo. Law Review 1120 (2007)

"Case Assessment and Planning," Child Welfare Law and Practice, Bradford Publishing, Denver CO (2005)

State Children, Youth and Families Department v. Frank, Amicus Brief, New Mexico Supreme Court, (2004)

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL
Juvenile and Family Law Clinic
Advanced Clinical Practicum
Evidence and Trial Practice
Juvenile Justice
Comparative Family Law (India, Ecuador, Morocco, Argentina)
Trial Advocacy
Courtroom Observation
Journey to JD Diversity Pathways Program

SELECTED GRANTS

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO OUTREACH GRANT, 2019, 2020, 2021
Awarded grant to support Constitution Day outreach.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO CU ENGAGE PROGRAM, 2015
Awarded Faculty Fellows grant to develop experiential Juvenile Justice course.

PITON FOUNDATION, 2011-12
Awarded grant to support the Juvenile Law Clinic.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM, 2010
Awarded service learning grant to develop law school service learning course titled, "Comparative Family Law."

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION, 2010
Awarded \$2,500 in funding for international service learning.

MELVIN AND ELAINE WOLF FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND FOR CHILD ADVOCACY, 2009
Awarded \$60,000 for Juvenile Law Clinic.

COLORADO COURT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE GRANT, 2005-08

Awarded \$60,000 for the Juvenile Law Clinic.

WENDELL LEA JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN FUND GRANT, 2005-07

Awarded \$45,000 for the Juvenile Law Clinic.

COLORADO BAR FOUNDATION, 2005-07

Awarded \$34,000 for Juvenile Law Clinic.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS, 2005-06

Awarded \$2,000 for Juvenile Law Clinic.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Core Competencies, Office of the Child's Representative, Lecturer and Trainer, Child Welfare Practitioners, Denver, CO 2017-present

Trial Skills Program, Office of Respondent Parent Counsel, Lecturer and Trainer, Denver, CO 2017-present

National Institute Trial Advocacy, Trial Trainer, Child Welfare Practitioners, Boulder, CO, 2017- 2021

Case Rounds

Office of the Child's Representative Conference, Statewide Conference, Golden, CO, 2015

Designing Effective Clinical Seminars

AALS regional clinical conference, Phoenix, AZ 2014

Comparative Law Seminars in International Settings

AALS Clinical Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2013

Dependency and Neglect Law

Colorado Family Law Bar Annual Conference, Lakewood, CO, 2013

Applying and Evaluating Backward by Design to Clinical Legal Education: A criminal defense experiment

AALS Clinical Conference, Baltimore, MD, 2010

Doctors & Lawyers & Social Workers Oh My! – Teaching

Ourselves/Students to Work With Other Professionals,

AALS Annual Clinical Conference, Cleveland, OH, 2009

Central Importance of Permanency Planning in Dependency and Neglect Cases

Colorado Summit on Children, Youth and Families, Keystone, CO, 2009

Frozen Records and Hot Benches: Why Appeals in Cases Involving Children are Different,
National Association of Counsel for Children Annual Conference, New York, NY, 2009

Achieving Better Outcomes Through Youth Participation, co-presenter,
National Association of Counsel for Children Annual Conference, Keystone, CO, 2007

Youth Empowerment
Colorado Summit on Children, Youth and Families, Keystone, CO, 2007

**LAW SCHOOL
SERVICE**

Co-director, Juvenile and Family Program (2005 to present)
Chair, Public Service, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee
Juvenile and Family Law Club Faculty Advisor
Committee Member, Clinical Faculty Search Committee

Past service:

Chair, Public Service Committee
Chair, Clinical Hiring Committee
Co-Chair, Academic Support Committee
Policy, Management, and Budget Committee
Academic Support Director hiring committee
Marshall Brennan Competition Judge
Constitution Day Faculty
OutLAW Faculty advisor
Academic & Student Affairs Committee
Curriculum Reform Subcommittee
Natural Resource Clinical Hiring Committee
Experiential Learning Program Director Hiring Committee
Legal Writing Hiring Committee
Lawyering Skills Taskforce
Clinical Review Committee
Clinical Evaluation Committee

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE (SELECTED)**

Juvenile Rules Committee, Colorado Supreme Court (2016-present)

Co-chair, Juvenile Rules Permanency Planning subcommittee,
Colorado Supreme Court (2016-present)

Colorado Court Improvement Program, Colorado Supreme Court
(2020-present)

Committee on Clinical Legal Education, Association of American Law Schools (2016-2020)

Boulder Valley Women's Health Center, Fund Development Committee (2016 -2019)

Exam writer and grader, ABA Child Welfare Law Certification Exam (2007-2016)

Executive Committee, Colorado Supreme Court Task Force (2006-2009)

Project Director, Children's Law Office Project, National Association of Counsel for Children (2005-2007)

**PROFESSIONAL
AWARDS**

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL CALHOUN SERVICE AWARD
2014

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD
2014

Recipient of the Colorado State Court Administrator's Office and the Colorado Supreme Court Excellence in Practice in Juvenile Law Award (2010).

Recipient of the Colorado State Court Administrator's Office Supreme Court Multidisciplinary Team Excellence in Practice Award (2010)

**BAR
ADMISSIONS**

California (1997), New York (1997), Colorado (2003)