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BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Colorado - 1985
U. S. District Court, State of Colorado – 1986
U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit - 1986

EDUCATION

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law
Detroit, Michigan
J.D., 1984

University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan
B.S., Natural Resource Science - 1981

SKILLS AND OBJECTIVE

As an accomplished attorney, litigator and mediator/arbitrator I look forward to the continued challenge and reward of working in the ADR field to make a positive difference to those in conflict.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Foothills Mediation and ADR, 441 Zephyr Avenue, Golden, CO 80401. June 2014 to present. **Attorney/Mediator/Owner**. Mediations, settlement conferences, arbitrations, ADR and other options for resolving conflict. Experience in a wide variety of complex legal issues, including over 400 mediations as counsel for a party, as well as over 150 mediator cases. Completion of 40-hour Mediation Training course through the Colorado Bar Association, as well as numerous other substantive law and mediator training courses. Mediator experience in business, family, personal and professional injury and insurance issues, property, commercial, property, HOA, estates, and workplace areas. Chair of the ADR Section of the Colorado Bar Association and Professional Mediator and Board Member of theMAC (Mediation Association of Colorado). Member, Association of Attorney Mediators, Volunteer mediator with Jefferson County Mediation Services. Awarded JCMS Mediator of the Year: Family. Working with various legal, judicial, attorney and others to improve options and access to courts for legal and mediation services.

Bayer & Carey, P.C., 1660 Downing Street, Denver, CO 80202. October 2002-October 2003, and October 2009 through May, 2014. **Attorney**. Litigation practice in a mid-sized private practice firm. Areas of practice included insurance defense and personal injury litigation, wrongful death and serious injury cases, construction defect, HOA litigation, breach of contract, libel and slander, employment, motor carrier, and complex damages. Experience in federal and state court cases, trials, and appeals, as well as mediator and arbitrator experience.

The Ross-Shannon Law Firm, P.C., 12596 West Bayaud Avenue, Ste. 380, Lakewood, CO 80216. August 2005 through September 2009. **Attorney**. Litigation practice in a mid-sized private firm. Areas of practice included commercial and insurance defense, construction defect, corporation and HOA, premises liability, automobile litigation, soils, mold, and other complex personal injury and damages cases, libel and slander, fraud, commercial and property litigation including appeals. Legal opinions for clients regarding insurance coverage, and other legal issues. Litigation and trials in multi-claim contract, corporate, insurance, auto and construction cases, as well as complex damages suit. Appellate, federal court and OSHA experience.

George D. Browning & Associates, 11080 Circle Point Road, Suite #400 Westminster, CO 80020. October 2003-August 2005 and August 1991 to September 1998. **Attorney** - Assistant Counsel - State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance, Corporate Law Department. Insurance defense litigation involving auto, casualty, commercial, malpractice and business claims. Docket: included state district court jury trials and uninsured and PIP arbitration cases. Areas of litigation included defense of premises liability cases, automobile accidents, products liability, property damage, malpractice, and commercial litigation. Practice also involved various aspects of office and trial practice management, including oversight of attorneys and staff. Jury and bench trials in district courts in the Denver area as well as cases in federal court. Arbitrator experience.

Marianne K. Lizza, Esq., 441 Zephyr Avenue, Golden, CO 80401. January 2001 to October 2002. **Practitioner and litigator** in a general practice, including corporate, family and business, personal injury, insurance defense, and commercial areas. Also involved in complex securities and commercial fraud investigations and non-profit corporation representation. Representation of clients in general business,

contracts and litigation areas, as well as of commercial, construction and injury defense litigation including complex construction and expansive soils cases and Colorado Consumer Protection Act claims. Substitute teacher for Jefferson County School District.

Quigley, Hibscheiler Johnson & Ritter, LLC., 2696 S. Colorado Boulevard, Ste. 400, Denver, CO 80222. October 1998 through December 2000. **Attorney.** Litigation practice including first party claims, general liability, and insurance defense in a small private practice firm. Areas of practice included personal injury litigation, premises liability, product liability, automobile litigation, trucking law, employment law, governmental immunity and commercial litigation. Trials in automobile, premises, commercial and uninsured cases, including arbitrations and mediations. Designated arbitrator in several cases.

O'Connor & Hannan, 1700 Lincoln Street, Suite 4700, Denver, Colorado 80203. (Minneapolis-based national firm, subsequently known as Berliner, Zisser, Walter and Gallegos, P.C.) November 1985 through July 1991. **Attorney.** A national commercial, corporate and securities firm. Experience in a wide variety of matters in commercial, securities, corporate, employment, personal injury, family, bankruptcy, and oil & gas areas. Representation of manufacturers and other companies as general corporate counsel. Litigation experience and trials in a variety of complex commercial, products liability, securities, employment, personal injury, and oil and gas cases, including contract review and administrative actions and plaintiff party representation in variety of areas. Trial experience in Colorado county, district, and federal courts.

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan. September 1982 to May 1983. **Clerk/intern.** Position with the Honorable Julian A. Cook. Responsibilities included screening and case analysis of federal cases for jurisdiction, research and writing on concerning various federal issues, assisting through research determination of a wide variety of federal claims and procedural issues.

REPORTED CASES/ARTICLES

Scognamillo v. Olsen, 795 P.2d 1357 (Colo. App. 1990)
Mediation in the Colorado Courts, 2018, contributing author and editor.

PRESENTATIONS | INSTRUCTION

Litigation v. Mediation (Panel), ADR Section CLE, 2018
DORA, Mediation in HOAs, 2018
Regis University, Business College, Denver, CO: ADR in Colorado, 2017
19th ADR Annual Conference, Colorado Bar, Denver, CO: ADR In the Courts, 2017
Federal Center, Federal Executive Board, Denver, CO: Mediation Practice in Colorado, 2017

CERTIFICATIONS

Mediation Training Certification - CBA, 2014

NITA - Trial practice – 1992
NITA - Discovery & Depositions – 1991

BAR AND CIVIC

****Colorado Judicial Institute- Section Member, ADR- 2015-18***
****American Bar Association, ADR Section, 2017- present***
****Association of Attorney Mediators, Member, 2017-present***
****American Board of Trial Advocates -ABOTA Member, 2016-current.***

****Chair, ADR Section, Colorado Bar Association, 2016-present.***

****Professional Member, theMAC-(Mediation Association of Colorado), 2014-present. theMAC-Board Member, 2015-present.***

****U.S. District Court, Roster of Private Mediators, 2014-present.***
****Faculty of Federal Advocates, 2014- present.***
****Jefferson County Mediation Services: 2014 to present; mediator.***
****CMS, Court Mediation Services, 2nd J.D.:2016-2017; mediator.***

Colorado Bar Association, Denver Bar Association, 1992-2000, 2002-Current; First Judicial Bar Association 1997-present; National Association of Women Lawyers, 2009; Colorado Women's Bar Association, 1985, 2015-present. Member, ADR, Trust and Estates, Small Firm and Family Law Sections, Colorado Bar Association, 2015-present.

CBA Ethics Committee, 1986-87; CBA Legal Services Committee, 1995 – 1996; DBA Public Legal Education Committee, 1996-1998; DBA Access to Justice 2014- present;; DBA Law Line 9, 1992-present; Colorado Defense Lawyers Association 1991-2000, 2002-2014, DRI, 2008; American Trial Lawyer's Association, 1985-86, Rocky Mtn. Children's Law Center, Volunteer Attorney, 2008-2009.