

Mediator with Our Family Mediator, LLC

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EXPERIENCE

Licensed in Colorado, New York, and the District of Columbia.

January, 2018-present

Our Family Mediator, LLC

Family Law and General Practice Mediator-full-time. Over 3000 cases mediated, of which 96% were fully settled. Mediation for parties with and without counsel. Currently accepting new cases.

1995-December, 2017

Solo Member of Law Firm -Primary Practice in Family Law. Arvada, Colorado

Family Law Mediator and Litigation Practitioner. Built family law mediation and litigation practice from the ground up. Handled approximately 5000 divorce and family law cases to date, 3000 litigation cases and have mediated approximately 2000 cases. Develop client base and co-counsel/attorney network for assistance. Conducted client interviews, researched relevant law, and advise clients accordingly. Draft complaints, motions, briefs, and settlement agreements. Perform due diligence, attend Rule 69 hearings and depositions. Prepare witnesses/clients for trial. Issue subpoenas for documents and witnesses. Formulate litigation strategies. Prepared and litigated numerous family law cases primarily before the Colorado District Court. Negotiate stipulations and settlements. Interviewed, hired, trained, supervised and fired employees. Initiated and installed all office procedure, with respect to service, filing, receiving and sending documents, privacy concerns, and keeping clients apprised of their respective cases. Developed and up-graded network-integrated computer system, including determining where password protection is required. Responsible for purchasing, installing and up-grading all software, including word processing, accounting, docketing, research, Internet, virus protection and legal software programs associated with operating a practice in Colorado. Developed legal forms software system, allowing my law firm to prepare documents extremely rapidly, reducing and in many cases, eliminating errors. Implemented marketing strategy. Instituted billing, accounting, including payment of federal and state payroll taxes, and collections procedures. Initiate and maintain a retirement plan, and obtain all necessary insurance. Hire professionals such as experts, accountants, bookkeepers and computer specialists. Attend professional meetings and CLE seminars. Conduct a smoothly operating, creative, highly professional and well-respected law office.

1993-1995

Small Law Office

Wheat Ridge, Colorado

Clerk and, once licenced, Attorney. Primarily civil litigation practice. Handled commercial and non-commercial litigation before the Colorado and Federal Courts. Court appearances before the Bankruptcy Court, and County and District Courts of Colorado. Handled legal matters from start to finish, including but not limited to collections, U.C.C., property, P.I., & domestic law. Researched and up-graded computer and software systems.

1993

Small Technology Law Firm

Englewood, Colorado

Clerked for well-known firm specializing in Technology Transfer. Researched law, drafted pleadings. Assisted in preparation of applications for Trademarks and Copyrights. Aided in Patent Infringement case.

1991-1993

Solo Practitioner

Stamford, Connecticut

Developed practice in Tax Law and Juvenile Litigation. Cut legal teeth in Connecticut Juvenile Court as court-appointed attorney while developing my practice. Worked well with clerks, opposing counsel and judges. Tax preparation for large estate.

Summer

Kane, Dalsimer, Sullivan, Kurucz, Levy, Eisele & Richard

1990 Clerk, Patent Department **New York, New York**
Prepared large corporate patent-infringement case with substantial damages for litigation.
Attended and participated in litigation strategy meetings.

1987-1988 **Sandoz, Inc.** **Basel, Switzerland**
Researcher, Molecular Biology Department
Headed oligonucleotide production for several departments. Produced chimeric antibodies using various molecular biology techniques. Explored expression of human and murine genes in procaryotic and eucaryotic models.

INTERNSHIPS

1984-1986 **Sloan-Kettering Institute**, Cell Differentiation **Rye, New York**
University of Wisconsin, **Madison, Wisconsin**
• Attempted to block egg-production in *Schistosoma mansoni*.
• Determined iron level in root nodules.
Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Cell Differentiation **Buffalo, New York**
Turnpike Animal Hospital, Assisted large-animal practice **Fairfield, Connecticut**

EDUCATION

1991 **The Ohio State University College of Law** **Columbus, Ohio**
Juris Doctor.
• Concentration: Intellectual Property and International Law.
• Additional Courses:
- Law and Institutions of the European Communities. **Brussels, Belgium**
Institut d'Etudes Europeennes and Vrije Universiteit
- Intensive Course on International Business Transactions. **Oxford, England**
Oxford University
1986 University of Wisconsin **Madison, Wisconsin**
Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry.
• Concentration: Biotechnology, Molecular Biology, Chemistry.

PERSONAL

- Member ABA, Colorado, New York, and District of Columbia Bar Associations.
- Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Pellagrini Foundation of New York.
- Full Scholarship to attend Seminar on European Communities.
- Fluent English, limited German and French.
- Citizen of the United States and Switzerland, extensive travel.
- 1996-98 President (First Woman) of the Arvada Garden Club.
- Member: Family Law Section-Colorado Bar Association, American Bar Association, Solo/Small Practitioner's Association and First Judicial Bar Association.