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## **Experience**

*July 2017 to  
Present*

### **Hershey | Decker | Drake**

*Associate Attorney*

*Litigation and Appeals:* Represent health care facilities in malpractice actions and counsel clients through complex discovery matters involving peer and quality management resolution. Serve as lead counsel through all aspects of litigation in complex medical malpractice lawsuits.

*Administrative Law:* Represent health care professionals in malpractice, licensing board, credentialing, and business matters in all aspects of litigation from case inception through resolution.

*March 2014 to  
November 2016*

### **Childs McCune LLC, Denver, Colorado**

*Associate Attorney*

Represented medical doctors, dentists, and other professionals in malpractice, licensing board, credentialing, and business matters.

Successfully defended high-value complex litigation civil litigation matters at multiple jury trials including arguing and being granted a directed verdict in a wrongful death action.

Served as lead counsel at the depositions of numerous physician and economic experts.

Appeared as first chair attorney for clients at discovery hearings.

Drafted motions for determination of law and summary judgment including being granted summary judgment in a dental malpractice action, which was upheld on appeal to the Colorado Court of Appeals.

*November 2012 to  
February 2014*

### **Kennedy Childs P.C., Denver, Colorado**

*Associate Attorney*

Represented health care entities, including hospitals and nursing homes in malpractice actions.

Represented medical doctors, dentists, and other health care professionals before the Colorado Medical Board and Board of Dental Examiners.

Regularly took and defended depositions in complex civil litigation matters.

*October 2010 to  
October 2012*

### **The Harris Law Firm P.C., Denver, Colorado**

*Associate Attorney*

Advocated for clients on a wide range of complex domestic relations matters including divorce, allocation of parental responsibilities, contempt proceedings, and post-decree matters.

Represented clients as lead attorney at trials, hearings, depositions and mediations.

August 2009 to  
August 2010

**The Honorable Russell Carparelli, Colorado Court of Appeals, Denver, Colorado**  
*Appellate Judicial Clerk*

Worked daily with Judge Carparelli to analyze and resolve appeals.  
Prepared draft opinions for numerous types of civil and criminal appeals.  
Researched legal issues including contract and statutory interpretation, post-conviction claims, affirmative defense instructions, admissibility of other act evidence, and due process violations.

Summer 2008

**Colorado Attorney General's Office, Criminal Justice Section, Denver, Colorado**  
*Legal Intern*

Drafted and filed a brief in support of a motion for restitution.  
Prepared memorandum on parallel proceedings in civil and criminal proceedings.

Fall 2007

**The Honorable Catherine Lemon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District, Denver, Colorado**  
*Judicial Intern*

Analyzed motions for post-conviction relief and conferred with Judge Lemon on the proper disposition.  
Drafted orders responding to motions for post-conviction relief.

## **Education**

August 2006 to  
May 2009

**University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, Colorado**  
*Juris Doctor, May 2009*  
Ranked 8<sup>th</sup> of 276 — Top 3% of Class  
Order of St. Ives

August 2002 to  
May 2006

**University of Denver, Denver, Colorado**  
*Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, May 2006*

## **Memberships**

2012 to  
Present

**Colorado Women's Bar Association**  
*Member*

Board of Directors-Convention Co-Chairperson (May 2018 to Present)  
Board of Directors-Professional Advancement Co-Chairperson (2016 to May 2018)  
Submitted over 20 state and national award nominations for Colorado women lawyers.  
Created and implemented three-part "Claiming your Value" workshop.  
Advanced and updated the CWBA Lift Mentoring Program  
Continue to lead the CWBA Mentoring Program subcommittee  
Membership Committee Member (2014 to 2016)  
Judicial Nominating Committee Member (2013 to 2014)

2008 to  
Present

**William E. Doyle Inn of Court**

*Member*

Executive Committee Officer – Treasurer (2018 to Present)

Executive Committee Officer – Secretary (2017 to Present)

Executive Committee Member (2016 to 2017)

Co-Chairperson for CLE Trainings (2012 to 2016)

**Douglas County Bar Association**

*Member*

**Honors**

Colorado Super Lawyer Rising Star Award 2016, 2017, 2018

Colorado Lawyer's Committee Pro Bono Team of the Year Award 2012

Received for work on Lobato v. State of Colorado

**Presentations**

*Taking or Defending a Deposition: Practical Tips for Young Lawyers*

October 2014 (CLE credits approved)

*How to Navigate Private Practice: What You Need to Know*

April 2015 (CLE credits approved)

**Civic Activity**

University of Denver Mentorship Program

*Mentor (2013 to 2018)*

Family Tree Legal Clinic

*Volunteer (2010 to 2012)*