

**MCLAUGHLIN TARRIN LAW, LLC**

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## Experience

### **McLaughlin Tarrin Law, LLC, Vail Valley, Colorado**

Child and Family Investigator	August 2021 to Present
Guardian ad Litem/Child Legal Representative	July 2022 to Present
Attorney	August 2021 to Present
Mediator	August 2021 to Present

### **Pitler and Associates, P.C., Aurora, Colorado**

Child and Family Investigator	January 2020 – August 2021
Associate Attorney	January 2007 – August 2021
Mediator	August 2010 – August 2021
Legal Intern/Law Clerk	January 2005 – November 2005

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- Child and Family Investigator (CFI)
    - Investigate and provide recommendations pursuant to the Court's direction
    - Perform investigations consistent with Chief Justice Directive 04-08
    - Perform investigations consistent with § 14-10-116.5, C.R.S.
    - Provide testimony regarding written reports that were provided by this CFI
    - Case Types
      - Relocation
      - High conflict
      - Substance abuse
      - Domestic Violence
      - Grandparent Visitation/APR
  - Attorney/Child Legal Representative (CLR)/Guardian ad Litem (GAL)/Counsel for Youth (CFY)
    - Research and draft pleadings in a variety of areas of law
    - Court and mediation appearances
    - Meet with clients and interview witnesses
    - Oversee and supervise support staff; Train support staff
    - As a CLR and GAL, represent the best interest of the child or children
    - Perform investigations consistent with Chief Justice Directive 04-06
  - Mediator
    - Assist parties in negotiating terms of agreements without having court intervention

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## Education

**University of Denver Sturm College of Law**, Denver, Colorado  
Juris Doctor; L.L.M. Taxation, May 2006

**University of Colorado at Boulder**, Boulder, Colorado  
Bachelor of Arts in English, June 1991

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## Training/Alternate Experience

- 08/11/2023 – Annual Family Law Institute; Presenter of breakout session: “So you want to Represent Children....”
- 07/21/2023 – Litigation and Evaluation Involving Abuse Allegations in Family Court Cases, *Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma* (satisfies C.R.S. §14-10-127.5)
- 02/16/2023 – OCR CORE Competencies Training II
- 09/12/2022 – OCR Annual Conference
- 08/2022 – Annual Family Law Institute
- 08/12/2022 – Private Guardian ad Litem Training – *Utah Office of Guardian ad Litem*
- 07/07/2022 – OCR CORE Competencies Training
- 05/2022 – Forensic Interview Clinic – *APSAC* (33.5 hours)
- 05/2022 – Interviewing Children with Disabilities – *APSAC* (12 hours)
- 04/2022 – Safe and Together, CORE Training (24 hours)
- 03/2022 – Consilium Institute Training
- 01/2022 – Interviewing Children with Non-Normative Needs and Unique Considerations
- 11/18/2021 and 12/9/2021 – Colorado Evaluators Training, *National Family Violence Law Center*
- 12/07/2021 – Medical Considerations of Child Maltreatment, *MDIC*
- 11/17/2021 - Child Abuse Training for CFI’s, *Colorado Children First*
- 11/13/2021 – 11/14/2021 – The Traumatic Effects of Domestic Violence, Including Coercive Control, Child Abuse, and Child Sexual Abuse on Children, Adults and Families, *Colorado School for Family Therapy*
- 11/10/2021 - Domestic Violence Training for CFI’s and Family Lawyers, *Colorado Children First*
- 11/2/2021 – Too Much, Too Ugly, Too Long & Too Many, Identifying and Connecting Domestic Violence and Trauma Symptoms, *MDIC*
- 10/16/2021 – Domestic Violence, Coercive Control and it’s Traumatic Effects – *Jessica Mars, Peaceful Households*

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- 10/9/2021 – Child Abuse, Sexual Abuse and it’s Traumatic Effects – *Kathy Orr, Peaceful Households*
- 9/24/2021 – Domestic Violence, Including Coercive Control and Its Traumatic Effects on Children, Adults, and Families - *Debra Wingfield, House of Peace*
- 9/23/2021 – Domestic & Intimate Partner Violence: The Complete Guide to Identification, Documentation, Reporting and Trauma-Informed Responses - *PESI*
- 2021 – Owner or Supervisor Level – Supervised Visitation Monitor Training - *Family & Children’s Counseling Services, Inc.*
- 2021 – Red Book Training Course - *NACC*
- 2021 – Annual Family Law Institute
- 03/24/2021 AFCC *The Fundamentals of Conducting Child Custody Evaluations*
- 10/21/2020 COAFCC *Remote CFIs and PRE’s During COVID-19 and Beyond*
- 2020 – Annual Family Law Institute
- 2019 – Child and Family Investigator Training
- 2019 – Annual Family Law Institute
- 2018 – Annual Family Law Institute
- 2018 – Rocky Mountain Children’s Law Center G.A.L. training
- 2017 – Annual Family Law Institute
- 2010 – 40 Hour Mediation Training

**Volunteer Work**

- Mesa County legal aide
- Eagle County Small Claims mediation
- Eagle/Summit/Lake County legal aide
- Rocky Mountain Children’s Law Center volunteer Guardian ad Litem
- Metro Volunteer Lawyers – mediation
- WhizKids Tutoring

**Other/Legal**

- Consilium Institute Trained Attorney 
- Colorado Legal Services contract attorney
- Lake/Summit County Advocates contract attorney
- Co-author of winning appellee brief in *In re the Marriage of Nelson*, 292 P.3d 1214
- Author of several unpublished winning briefs for the Colorado Court of Appeals

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## **Affiliations**

- Member and Vice President of Continental Divide Bar Association
  - Member and Treasurer of Colorado Women's Bar Association, Mountain Chapter
  - Member Four Corners Bar Association
  - Member Colorado Bar Association
    - Family Law Section
    - Solo/Small Firm Practice Section
  - Member-at-Large, Executive Council, Family Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association
  - Member Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)
  - Member National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC)
  - Member The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)
  - Member American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT)
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For CFI Appointments:

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Retainer: \$3250 / hourly rate: \$200

Currently accepting private pay only.

Please allow for a ninety (90) day turnaround time unless previously agreed.

*Because I live in the mountains, if the parties live in the judicial district where the case is being heard, i.e. case is in the 18th Judicial District and the parties live in Greenwood Village, then I do not charge any travel. If one or both of the parties live in Colorado but more than an hour from the other (and outside of the judicial district), I will charge the time it takes to get from the courthouse to the farther party's home or from my office to their home, whichever is LESS. For relocation cases I do ask for an estimate of travel costs up front.*

*If charging for drive time is required, I charge \$40 per hour for the drive time.*

*I have satisfied the requirements of C.R.S. §14-10-127.5*