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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

Training/Alternate Experience

- 10/12/23 – 10/14/23 – 2023 Child and Family Investigator Training (20 hours) (satisfies C.R.S. §14-10-127.5) (Presented by Josh Christian and Shawntal Tucker)
- 10/09, 10/23, and 10/23,24/23 – Child Abuse and Domestic Violence CFI/PRE Training (20 hours) (satisfies C.R.S. §14-10-127.5) (Presented by PsychLaw)
- 09/23,24,/2023 and 10/7,8/2023 – Affect of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence on Individual, Child and Family (20 hours) (satisfies C.R.S. §14-10-127.5) (Presented by Dr. Leo, Family Play Therapy)
- 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*

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- 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*
- 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 CFI's 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
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Other/Legal

- Consilium Institute Trained Attorney 
- Colorado Legal Services contract attorney (includes working with victims of DV)
- Lake/Summit County Advocates contract attorney (includes working with victims of DV)
- 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

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
- Member-at-Large, Executive Council, Family Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association
- Member Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)
- Member The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)

For CFI Appointments:

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For CLR Appointments:

Fee Deposit Varies, please contact Kristen

Hourly rate: \$200

CFI Retainer: \$3250 / Hourly rate: \$200

Currently accepting private pay and state pay appointments.

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 generally do not charge travel time. 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 generally charge \$40 per hour for the drive time but do reserve the right to charge up to the normal hourly rate of \$200.

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

NOTE ON §14-10-127.5 – Effective May 2023

(a) In all proceedings brought pursuant to title 14 concerning the allocation of parental responsibilities with respect to a child in which a claim of domestic violence or child abuse, including child sexual abuse, has been made to the court, or the court has reason to believe that a party has committed domestic violence or child abuse, including child sexual abuse, the court shall:... Consider the admission of expert testimony and evidence **if the expert demonstrates expertise and experience working with victims of domestic violence or child abuse, including child sexual abuse, that is not solely forensic in nature;**...

There is debate as to what “not solely forensic in nature” means. As a GAL and CFY I have worked with children who have been victims of child abuse. I have been a GAL and CFY since July 2022. As an attorney, I have worked with victims of domestic violence. I have been a contract attorney with Lake County Advocates and Summit County Advocates. I have been a contract attorney with Colorado Legal Services. All clients represented in that capacity, is working with victims of domestic violence. While I do not know if this is what the legislature meant, I do believe I meet the criteria of having experience working with victims of domestic violence or child abuse. I have been found to have the appropriate qualifications by the Garfield County District Court, the Lake County District Court, the La Plata District Court, the Mesa County District Court, the Moffat County District Court, the Routt County District Court, and the San Miguel District Court. It has been stipulated by parties in Arapahoe County, Douglas County, El Paso County, Jefferson County and Eagle County that I possess the appropriate qualifications. If your case does not involve allegations of Child Abuse or Domestic Violence, this section is moot.