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Experience

State of Colorado

Magistrate (Part Time in 22nd Judicial District)	April 2023 to Present
County Court Judge, Dolores County (Part Time)	January 2025 to Present

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

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

- 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

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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

- 02/2026 - What Works for Whom: Being Trauma Informed in Evaluation and Treatment
- 02/2026 – Presenter on CFI/PRE at Family Law Basic Skills CLE
- 01/2026 – Do No Harm: Interviewing Skills Needed When There's a Concern of Child Abuse
- 11/2025 – Litigation and Evaluation Involving Abuse Allegations in Family Court Cases
- 10/2025 – Presenter at CFI 40 hour training
- 08/2025 - Stop the Silence® Post-Graduate Certificate in Child Trauma and Protection
- 08/2025 – Annual Family Law Institute
- 05/2025 – OCR Spring Conference
- 02/2025 – Presenter on CFI/PRE at Family Law Basic Skills CLE
- 12/2024 – Lunch and Learn presentation on CLRs - moderator
- 08/2024 – Annual Family Law Institute
- 10/2023 – Child and Family Investigator Training
- 10/2023 – Child Abuse and Domestic Violence CFI/PRE
- 09/2023 - Affect of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence on Individual, Child and Family
- 09/2023 – Office of Child Representatives annual Fall Conference
- 08/2023 – Annual Family Law Institute; Presenter of breakout session
- 07/2023 – Litigation and Evaluation Involving Abuse Allegations in Family Court
- 02/2023 – OCR CORE Competencies Training II
- 09/2022 – OCR Annual Conference
- 08/2022 – Annual Family Law Institute
- 07/2022 – OCR CORE Competencies Training
- 05/2022 – Forensic Interview Clinic
- 05/2022 – Interviewing Children with Disabilities
- 04/2022 – Safe and Together, CORE Training
- 03/2022 – Consilium Institute Training
- 01/2022 – Interviewing Children with Non-Normative Needs and Unique Considerations
- 11/2021 – Colorado Evaluators Training

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- 12/2021 – Medical Considerations of Child Maltreatment
- 11/2021 - Child Abuse Training for CFI's
- 11/2021 – The Traumatic Effects of Domestic Violence, Including Coercive Control, Child Abuse, and Child Sexual Abuse on Children, Adults and Families
- 11/2021 - Domestic Violence Training for CFI's and Family Lawyers
- 11/2021 – Too Much, Too Ugly, Too Long & Too Many, Identifying and Connecting Domestic Violence and Trauma Symptoms
- 10/2021 – Domestic Violence, Coercive Control and it's Traumatic Effects
- 10/2021 – Child Abuse, Sexual Abuse and it's Traumatic Effects
- 9/2021 – Domestic Violence, Including Coercive Control and Its Traumatic Effects on Children, Adults, and Families
- 9/2021 – Domestic & Intimate Partner Violence
- 2021 – Owner or Supervisor Level – Supervised Visitation Monitor Training
- 08/2021 – Annual Family Law Institute
- 03/2021 AFCC *The Fundamentals of Conducting Child Custody Evaluations*
- 10/2020 COAFCC *Remote CFI's and PRE's During COVID-19 and Beyond*
- 08/2020 – Annual Family Law Institute

Volunteer Work

- Access to Justice Committee (5th Judicial District)
- Eagle County Small Claims mediation
- Eagle/Summit/Lake/Mesa 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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Other/Non-Legal

- International Referee for USA Powerlifting/IDFPA

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Affiliations

- Member and past Vice President of Continental Divide Bar Association
- Member and past Treasurer of Colorado Women's Bar Association, Mountain Chapter
- Member Four Corners Bar Association
- Member Southwest Bar Association
- Member Colorado Bar Association
- Past Member-at-Large, Executive Council, Family Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association
- Member Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) / Board Member of Colorado chapter

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Fee Deposit Varies, please contact Kristen
Hourly rate: $200

CFI Retainer: $3250 / Hourly rate: $200
Currently accepting private pay and state pay appointments (state pay in the 5th, 6th, 14th, and 21st Judicial Districts only).
Please allow for a one hundred+ (100) 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 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 I do reserve the right to charge up to the normal hourly rate of $200.

AS A RULE, I ASK TO TESTIFY/APPEAR VIA WEBEX