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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mediator Training Center, LLC, Incline Village, Nevada (www.mediatortrainingcenter.com)

Founder and Managing Partner, March 2022 – present

Develop and provide basic 40-hour and advanced mediator training classes, program consultation, and mediator coaching to mediators and mediation panels.

Sierra Mediation, LLC, Incline Village, Nevada (www.sierramediation.com)

Founder and Managing Partner, January 2018 - present

Mediate over 100 cases per year, including private disputes, appellate cases for the Nevada Supreme Court, child protection cases for the Juvenile Dependency Mediation Program, and custody and minor guardianship cases in Washoe County, Nevada. Also mediated eviction cases during COVID pandemic.

Incline Village Justice Court, Incline Village, NV

Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore, July 2013 – present

Hear and decide criminal arraignments and civil cases, including orders of protection, landlord and tenant disputes, small claims cases, and traffic violations.

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Reno, NV

Program Attorney, August 2015 – August 2019; Senior Policy Analyst, August 2013 – June 2014

Drafted policy papers and provided training and technical assistance to judges, mediators, attorneys, GALs, and other family law professionals working on the intersection of domestic violence and custody and/or child maltreatment.

Administrative Hearing Officer, Washoe County, NV, *October 2016 – January 2019*

Heard and decided ordinance violations in Washoe County, Nevada.

Nevada Legal Services, Inc., Carson City and Reno, NV

Directing Attorney of the Senior Law Project, December 2014 – October 2015; Senior Attorney, June 2014 – December 2014; Staff Attorney, January 2005 – September 2006

Managed staff, prepared grant proposals and reports, represented low-income and elderly clients in landlord and tenant law, unemployment, social security, Medicare/Medicaid, estate planning, guardianship, consumer, tribal, and immigration law under the Violence Against Women Act.

Washoe Legal Services, Reno, NV

Child Advocate Attorney, September 2006 – August 2013

Provided legal services to abused and neglected children, including reunification, termination of parental rights, custody, adoption, guardianship proceedings, services for aged-out youth, Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) immigration petitions, and representation at court-ordered mediation.

United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, Denver, CO

Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Carlos F. Lucero, August 2003 – June 2004

Researched legal issues and drafted legal opinions and orders in civil rights, personal injury, antitrust, habeas, criminal, ADA, ERISA, and employment discrimination cases.

Federal Public Defender, Denver, CO

Research and Writing Specialist, January 2002 – December 2002

Conducted research and drafted pleadings for the appellate division of the federal public defender.

Colorado Legal Services, Greeley, CO

Staff Attorney for the Migrant Farm Worker Division, May 2001 – August 2001

Provided legal services to migrant farm workers in rural Colorado.

The Peace Corps, El Pinar, Dominican Republic

Health Volunteer, July 1996 – July 1998

TRAINING/FACULTY POSITIONS

- *What Every Attorney Should Know About Mediation*: Lawline (scheduled for February 2024)
- *Managing Power Differentials*: Arkansas ADR Commission (scheduled for April 2024)
- *40-Hour Basic Civil Mediation Training*: Arkansas ADR Commission (scheduled for July 2024)
- *40-Hour Basic Mediation Training*: Mediator Training Center via virtual hybrid format (2023)
- *40-Hour Basic Mediation Training*: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Tribal Employment Representative Offices in Neah Bay, Washington (2023) and Lewiston, Idaho (2023)
- *Managing Power Differentials in an Online/Hybrid Post-COVID World*: American Bar Association ADR Conference (2023)
- *Domestic Violence: Part 1 – Batterer Behavior; Part 2 – Can the Cycle Be Broken?* Nevada Limited Jurisdiction Judges Annual Seminar (2023)
- *Domestic Violence for Family Court* (2 hour on-demand course for Las Vegas family court) (2023)
- *JDMP: Domestic Violence and Child Protection Mediation* (six-hour on-demand course) (2022)
- *Tips & Techniques for Successful Results in Custody & Other Relationship-Based Settlement Conferences*, Supreme Court of Nevada Settlement Judge Program (2021)
- *Alternative Dispute Resolution and Domestic Violence*, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and Center for Court Innovation (2021)
- *Trauma and Child Protection Mediation*, Nevada Juvenile Dependency Mediation Program, Carson City, NV (2019)
- *Dispute Resolution and Family Violence: Lessons Learned, Strategies, and Best Practice*, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada (2019)
- *Domestic Violence and Child Protection*, Imperial County Child Protective Services, CA (2018)
- *Improving Child Protection Practice for Immigrant Victims of Family Violence*, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Annual Conference, Denver, CO (2018)
- *Mediating Dependency Cases Involving Domestic Violence*, Nevada Juvenile Dependency Mediation Program Annual Training (2018)
- *Custody Mediation and Domestic Violence: What Advocates Should Know* (webcast), National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (2018)
- *Improving Child Welfare Practice for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence* (webcast), National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (2018)
- *Title 26 Guardian Ad Litem Training*, Olympia, WA (March 2018) and Spokane, WA (November 2018): Authored entire curriculum and served as faculty for training segments on Child Abuse and Neglect, Interviewing Techniques, Ethics, and Professional Safety at training itself
- *Improving Child Welfare Practice for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence*, Zero to Three Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (2017)

- *Immigrants, Immigration and Domestic Violence*, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges In-Service Training (2017)
- *Collaboration – A Look at the Greenbook and the Safe and Together Model* (webcast), National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (2016)

PUBLICATIONS/CURRICULA

- Holmes & Mangiaracina, *Antitrust Law Handbook and Sourcebook* (2010 – 2023 eds)
- *Ten Things to Know About Parenting Plans in Cases Involving Domestic Violence: Self-Represented Litigants Series*, NCJFCJ (2019)
- *Navigating Custody Mediation in Cases Involving Domestic Violence: Self-Represented Litigants Series*, NCJFCJ (2019)
- *Custody Mediation and Domestic Violence: A Resource Guide for Mediators*, NCJFCJ (2019)
- *Curriculum: Title 26 New Guardian Ad Litem Training (40-Hour Training)*, prepared for the Administrative Office of the Courts for the State of Washington (2018)
- *10 Cosas Que Debe Saber Sobre el Tribunal Familiar* (translation) NCJFCJ (2017)
- *Deportation and Children*, available in both English and Spanish, NCJFCJ (2017)
- *Child Protection Investigations (CPI) Project*, NCJFCJ (2016)
- *Enhancing Court Services to Victims of Domestic Violence*, NCJFCJ (2016)
- Editor: NCJFCJ Synergy Newsletter, Vol. 19, No. 2, Spring 2016
- Bohannon, T., Mangiaracina, M., Sicafuse, L., and Zavora, K. *Reasonable Efforts in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases that Involve Domestic Violence*. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (2014).

TRAINING & EDUCATION

Advanced Training

Institution for Leadership in Education Development (I-LED) 40-hour adult education course (2016)

Basic Mediator Training: 40 hours (May 2017)

State Bar of Nevada Arbitrator Training: 10 hours (October 2017 and November 2019)

Juvenile Dependency Mediation Program Training: 40 hours (March 2018)

Child Custody and Divorce Mediation Training: 25 hours (October 2018)

Foreclosure Mediation Training: 4 hours (December 2018)

Eviction Mediator Training: 3 hours (October 2020)

The Neuroscience of Conflict: Advanced Mediator Training: 7 hours (November 2020)

21st Century Trauma Perspectives and Strategies: 5 hours (June 2021)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advanced Mediator Training: 5.5 hours (May 2023)

Nevada Supreme Court Settlement Judge Annual Training: 5 hours (May 2023)

University of Denver College of Law, Denver, CO, *Juris Doctor*, 2003

Recipient: Chancellor's Scholarship for Public Interest (full tuition scholarship); Melanie Hardaway Award for Academic Excellence (highest GPA); Order of St. Ives (top 10% of class); and Scholastic Excellence Awards (highest grade) for Property, Family, Contracts, Criminal, and Death Penalty classes

Affiliations: Public Interest Law Group (Secretary and Treasurer); Denver University Law Review

Licensed to practice law in Nevada (bar #9240), Colorado (inactive), and California (inactive)

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, *Bachelor of Arts, Psychology*, 1996