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EXPERIENCE

Colorado Law, Associate Teaching Professor; Director of Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative; Co-Director of Master of Studies in Law (MSL) in Ethics & Compliance Program; Silicon Flatirons Fellow, 2015-present, Boulder, Colorado

Teach multiple ethics courses and seminars throughout the academic year for JD and MSL students. Direct ethics initiative programming, including events, speaker series, competitions, ethics fellows program, and regional university collaborations. Oversee program budget and annual reporting requirements. Co-direct MSL program including all aspects of program administration. Create ethics event series for Silicon Flatirons Center. Service on Admissions Committee, Adjunct Faculty Committee (chair), & Non-Tenure Track Policies and Procedures Committee.

Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell, LLP, Staff Counsel, 2014-2015, Denver, Colorado

Litigated a variety of complex civil cases in federal and state court. Specialized in drafting briefs, motions and memoranda as well as extensive legal and factual research.

Earthjustice, Associate Attorney, 2009-2014, Denver, Colorado

Litigated public interest environmental cases in federal and state court. Argued before the Ninth and Tenth Circuits and District of Colorado. Supervised extern, intern and fellowship programs.

Latham & Watkins, Associate, 2007-2009, Summer Associate, 2005, San Francisco, California

Litigated high-stakes civil cases in federal and state court, including legal and factual research, drafting, and extensive discovery processes. Lead attorney in successful pro bono client asylum immigration proceedings.

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, The Honorable Procter Hug, Jr., Judicial Clerk, 2006-2007, Reno, Nevada

Reviewed briefs and drafted bench memoranda with legal analysis and recommendations for Judge and panel on civil and criminal cases. Drafted and edited opinions and memorandum dispositions.

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), Berkeley, California

J.D., May 2006, graduated top 15th percentile of class

University of Montana, Missoula, Montana

M.S., Geology with environmental geochemistry emphasis, May 2002, GPA: 4.0/4.0

Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire

A.B., Earth Sciences with High Honors, June 2000, cum laude

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Silicon Flatirons x Ethics Series, 2024; Denver, CO, "M&A Ethics: Ensuring Ethical Compliance in Every Deal"

DU Ethics Conference, 2023-2025; Denver, CO, "Intersection of Law and Ethics" & "The Power of Feminine Leadership"

Environmental Protection Agency Lecture, Oct. 2022; Denver, CO, "Behavioral Ethics in the Law"

Colorado Municipal League Annual Conference, June 2022, Breckenridge, CO, "Behavioral Ethics in the Law"

Federal Administrative Law Judges Conference, Sept. 2019; Westminster, CO, "Behavioral Ethics in the Law"

Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics, Higher Education Compliance Conference, June 2017; Baltimore, MD, "Higher Education Opportunities in Ethics and Compliance"

Nat'l Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Conference, Oct. 2013; Spokane, WA, "Bridging Preservation and Environmentalism"

Comment: Environmental Negligence: A Proposal for a New Cause of Action for the Forgotten Innocent Owners of Contaminated Land, 94 CALIF. L. REV. 149 (2006)