

**LAURIE A. HUNTER**

***LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE***

Since graduation from law school in 1981, Ms. Hunter has been in private practice in Denver, Colorado. Her practice has emphasized estate planning and estate administration matters.

January 2006 to present: shareholder in Wade Ash Woods Hill & Farley, P.C.  
October 2003 to December 2005: of counsel with Wade Ash Woods Hill & Farley, P.C.  
May 1994 to October 2003: shareholder in Millard & Hunter, P.C.  
April 1993 to May 1994: special counsel with Kevin D. Millard, P.C.  
July 1990 to April 1993: special counsel with Gorsuch, Kirgis, Campbell, Walker and Grover  
February 1988 to July 1990: staff counsel with Baker & Hostetler  
January 1987 to January 1988: associate with Minor & Brown, P.C.  
June 1982 to January 1987: associate with Holme Roberts & Owen  
January 1977 to June 1982: paralegal and associate with Hindry & Meyer/Wegher & Fulton

***EDUCATION***

May 1981: Juris Doctor degree from University of Denver College of Law; class rank top 2% (90.34 GPA); Order of St. Ives; Hornbook Award for highest GPA; Prentice-Hall Student Award in Taxation; eight American Jurisprudence awards.

December 1976: Paralegal certificate from Institute for Paralegal Training, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

May 1975: B.A. in psychology and anthropology from Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Dean's List; graduated with honors (3.87 GPA; 4=A).

***PUBLICATIONS***

Co-editor of The Green Book, Selected Colorado Materials on Wills, Estates, Trusts and Taxes, published by CLE in Colorado, Inc., from 1986 to 1996.

Author, "Estate Planning for Closely-Held Businesses," chapter 66 in Krendl's Colorado Methods of Practice, West Pub. Co. and annual updates from 1982 to 1997.

Author, "Introduction to Estate Planning," chapter 1 in *The Estate Planning Handbook*, CLE in Colorado, Inc., 2004, 2007, 2010.

Co-editor of 2004 update to *Colorado Estate Planning Forms*, CLE in Colorado, Inc.

Author, *Gifts to Minors Monograph*, CLE in Colorado, Inc., 2007, 2009 Update.

Author, 2007 -2010 updates to C. Jean Stewart, *Colorado Estate Planning, Will Drafting and Estate Administration Forms*, Lexis Nexis.

### ***COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES (Probate and Trust Section)***

Chair of Section 1997-1998; Member of Council 1989-1990; Secretary-Treasurer 1988-1989 and 1994-1995; Member of Statutory Revisions Committee since 1985; Orange Book Forms Committee 1990-1993 and 1995 to present; chair of Orange Book Forms Committee 2001-2002; UPC II Steering Committee 1991-1995; UPC III Committee 2008 - 2010; Uniform Trust Code Committee 1999 to 2007; Internet editor 1999-2002; Rules and Forms Committee since 2004; Fellow, Colorado Bar Foundation.

***SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS***, mostly for Continuing Legal Education in Colorado, Inc., including:

March 2010: *Estate Planning for Married Couples with Larger Estates* in Basic EP  
June 2008: *The UTC: What's all the Fuss About?*; Womens Estate Planning Council  
April 2008: *Rights of Surviving Spouses*; El Paso County Estate Planning Bar  
February 2008: *Estate Planning for Married Couples with Larger Estates* in Basic EP  
September 2007: *Uniform Trust Code*, DU Advanced Tax Institute  
December 2006: *Dead Exes: Probate Issues*; Advanced Family Law Institute  
September 2006: *New Ethics Rules* in Trial of A Will Contest  
March 2006: *Estate Planning for Married Couples with Larger Estates* in Basic EP  
March 15, 2005: *Why do I Need Probate?* in DU Elder Law Interdisciplinary Institute  
March 4, 2005: *Rights of Surviving Spouses* in Probate Basic Skills  
March 25, 2004: *Funding Testamentary Trusts*  
March 4, 2004: *Estate Planning for Married Couples with Larger Estates*  
August 2004: *My Client Just died, Now What?*; Womens Estate Planning Council  
September 2003: *Representing the Surviving Spouse* in Litigating Contested Wills  
February 2003: *Rights of Surviving Spouses* in Probate Basic Skills  
April 2002: *Estate Planning for Married Couples with Larger Estates* in Basic EP  
September 2001: *Top 10 Drafting Errors*; CBA Institute; Trust & Estate Section  
March 2000: *Beneficiary Designations*; CO Womens Bar Assn Convention  
April 1999: *Rights of the Surviving Spouse and Family* in Basic Probate Administration  
September 1997: *Estate Planning Issues*; CLE on Unbundling Your Practice  
September 1997: *Colorado Estate Plan Law Update*; DU Advanced Tax Institute  
June 1997: *Annual Probate Law Update* at Estate Planning Retreat  
March 1996: *Estate Planning and Blended Families*; CO Womens Bar Assn Convention  
October 1994: UPC II, "elective share"  
June 1994: *Policy Considerations Behind UPC II* at Estate Planning Retreat

### ***OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS and AWARDS***

Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel since 1998, and member of State Laws Committee and Charitable Planning Committee  
Recognized: Best Lawyers in America 2003 to present; Colorado Super Lawyer 2005 to present;  
Assigned Martindale-Hubbell's Highest AV Rating  
Member, Rocky Mountain Estate Planning Council  
Member and Program Chair (2005-2006), Women's Estate Planning Council  
Member and Board Member (2004-2007), DTC chapter of Business and Professional Women,

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

Girl Scouts, Mile Hi Council, troop leader 1998 - 2007  
Parker United Methodist Church, Endowment Committee

**EXPERT WITNESS TESTIMONY**

Augmented estate issue: *Estate of Hefley*, Baca County District Court, November 1989  
Augmented estate issue: *Estate of Peays*, Denver Probate Court, October 2001

**SUMMARY OF LEGAL PRACTICE**

Ms. Hunter's practice emphasizes estate planning, probate and trust administration. Her estate planning practice involves preparation of wills and trusts, often with an estate tax planning focus. The types of trusts prepared include revocable trusts as will substitutes, irrevocable life insurance trusts, qualified personal residence trusts, charitable remainder trusts, irrevocable trusts for children or grandchildren to receive gifts, and grantor retained annuity trusts. Ms. Hunter also forms private foundations and family limited partnerships or limited liability companies, and she prepares buy-sell agreements for family business succession planning, and marital agreements (both pre-nuptial agreements and post-nuptial agreements).

Her probate and trust administration practice involves all aspects of administering estates and representing personal representatives, including valuing assets, preparation of estate tax returns and fiduciary income tax returns, transferring assets, handling creditors' claims, preparation and filing of court pleadings, and assisting personal representatives with interpretation of the will and trust documents and establishing reasonable fees. Trust administration also involves representing trustees with interpretation of the applicable documents, researching the law, and educating trustees about their fiduciary duties. Ms. Hunter represents beneficiaries with respect to their interests in an estate or trust, and other attorneys consult with her from time to time on estate and trust issues, particularly with respect to spousal elective share issues.