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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 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 to1997.

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

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

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

COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES (Trust & Estate 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; Uniform Trust Code Committee 1999 to present; Internet Editor 1999-2002; Rules and Forms Committee 2004-2008; Fellow, Colorado Bar Foundation.

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

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*
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*
April 1999: *Rights of the Surviving Spouse and Family* in Basic Probate Administration
June 1997: *Annual Probate Law Update* at Estate Planning Retreat
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, Colorado Federation

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.