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PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate Law

Civil Litigation

Family Law

Workers' Compensation
Defense

EXPERIENCE

Ms. Minish began her legal career as a law clerk in the 18th Judicial District in 2000. In 2002, she began working at the 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office as a Deputy District Attorney/Public Information Officer and liaison to the FBI. In that role, she prosecuted countless high profile felony cases, including homicides and complex mental health defense cases.

As the Public Information Officer, she was responsible for all media relations to include FOIA and CORA requests and worked with all local and federal agencies on high profile and/or critical incidences involving the 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office. During her time there she gained valuable litigation experience, which armed her with the skills necessary to successfully present complex cases to a jury.

In 2008, she began her transition from the government to the private sector by representing the Colorado State Child Support Enforcement Unit where she worked to establish paternity and child support orders and ensured that these orders were enforced. This experience gave her valuable experience into this very specific area of domestic relations law.

After her time working with the Child Support Enforcement Unit, it was a natural transition into civil litigation and family law. Ms. Minish has experience litigating complex civil cases involving multi-million dollar disputes and businesses. Ms. Minish also has the proven ability to represent her client's in domestic relations cases involving complex financial issues, trusts, real estate holdings, businesses and high conflict custody matters. She has been able successfully arrive at amicable resolutions with opposing counsel when possible but remains prepared to go to court and is able to skillfully litigate issues if an agreement cannot be reached.

The impact that the legal process can have on people's lives is profound and Ms. Minish understands this. Her experience brings compassion, professionalism, and understanding to the

table while guiding our clients through the process. Her years of experience with trials, civil litigation, family law, and child support issues make her an attorney that you want on your side of the courtroom. She has earned the reputation as an ethical professional who is effective in the courtroom.

Ms. Minish is also a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution section of the Colorado Bar Association and is an effective family law mediator.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Determining Dependents for Death Benefits and Common Law Spouse Issues – 2018 Client Presentation
- 4th Judicial District Attorneys' Office Citizen's Academy regarding Medial Relations, CORA and FOIA – 2006-2008 Guest Presenter/Speaker
- How to Prosecute a Homicide Case for a Street Law Class – Guest Presenter/Speaker, Academy School District 20 – Pine Creek High School
- Mental Health Holds (M1s) – Guest Presenter/Speaker, Colorado Springs Police Department Police Academy

PUBLICATIONS

"The Impact of Divorce on Immigration," El Paso County Bar Association Pikes Peak Lawyer, 19 (August 2018)

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

Arapahoe County Bar Association – Family Law Section, 2015 – Present

Ben S. Wendelken American Inn of Court Member

Colorado Bar Association Member – Family Law Section, 2009 – Present

Colorado Bar Association Committee Member – Professionalism, 2014 – Present

Colorado Bar Association Committee Member – Balanced Legal Careers, 2014 – 2017

Colorado Bar Association Member – Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, 2017 – Present

Colorado Bar Association Member – Legal Education Committee, 2014

El Paso County Bar Association, Family Law Section, 2002 – Present

AWARDS

Recognized by Lawyer Monthly for the Women in Law Awards, 2018

Recognized by the American Institute of Family Law Attorneys, 10 Best in Client Satisfaction, 2016-2019

Recognized by the American Institute of Family Law Attorneys, 10 Best Female Attorneys, Family Law Division, 2016-2017 and 2019-2020

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado

U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Denver – Sturm College of Law, 2001

B.S. Metropolitan State University, 1997

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