#### **WESLEY PARKS**

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#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

# Colorado Department of Law, Assistant Attorney General II, 2023 to present

- Revenue and Regulatory Law Section
- Nursing and Professional Boards Unit
- Litigation, administrative rulemaking, general counsel, and appeals

#### University of Denver – Sturm College of Law, Adjunct Professor, 2019 to present, teaching:

- Negotiation and Mediation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- ABA Representation in Mediation Competition, Regional Champions 2021 and 2023

### Parks Mediation, Owner, Denver, Colorado, 2020 to 2023

- Provide mediation services for special education, divorce, child custody, relocation, child support, spousal maintenance, HOA, personal injury, probate and civil litigation matters
- Virtual mediation and presentation expertise with multiple parties

# Colorado Office of Dispute Resolution, Contract Mediator, 2019 to 2023

- Selected as mediator for Colorado's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Districts
- ODR Policy and Procedure Committee Chair

### Colorado Department of Education, Contract Mediator, 2020 to 2023

- Mediate special education disputes involving school districts and parents of students with disabilities
- Facilitate complex mediations with multiple stakeholders involving federal IDEA, ADA, and Section 504 matters

### Cohen & Cohen, P.C., Special Counsel, Denver, Colorado, 2016 to 2023

- Lead counsel in family law, bankruptcy, adversarial proceedings, and civil litigation
- Mediation in civil litigation and family law matters, including contractual and business disputes
- Bankruptcy mediation in adversarial proceedings, including preference and dischargeability actions
- Trustee representation in bankruptcy estate administration matters, including sale of estate property
- Complex bankruptcy and commercial litigation
- General business transactions and contract drafting, including asset purchase and operating agreements

### Oval Options, Lead Contract Mediator, Wheatridge, Colorado, 2019 to 2022

- Mediate family matters, neighbor, landlord-tenant disputes
- Train new mediators and lead debriefing sessions

# Pangrle Patent, Brand & Design Law, P.C., Contract Attorney, Burbank, California, 2014 to 2020

- Assist with US and international clients in copyright and trademark matters
- Trademark search, filings, office action responses, and appellate proceedings
- Assignments and licensing of trademark and copyright rights
- INTA International Trademark Law and Practice Conference attendee, 2016
- USC Gould School of Law Entertainment Law Conference attendee, 2015

# Law Offices of Lisa E. Frazer, LLC, Associate Attorney, Denver, Colorado, 2014 to 2016

• Lead counsel in family law litigation including divorce, child custody, and spousal maintenance

#### **EDUCATION**

### University of Montana School of Law, Missoula, Montana, J.D., 2013

- Mediation Clinic Intern, 2012-2013
- Class of 2013 Outstanding Law Student Award
- OUTLaws President, 2012-2013
- Emmett C. Angland Excellence in Clinical Work Award Mediation, 2013
- ABA Mediation Competition Regional Finalist, 2013
- Scholarships: Hickman, 2011; Garlington, Lohn, & Robinson, 2012

# University of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri, B.A., Art History, 2003

- Graduated with Distinction
- Undergraduate Research Award, 2003
- Ilus W. Davis Writing Competition, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, 2001
- Eddie Jacobson Scholarship for International Studies, 2001
- Study Abroad: Université Lyon 2, Lyon, France, 2001

#### PRO BONO & VOLUNTEER

### Colorado Bar Association Leadership Training, "COBALT" Class of 2023

• Selected class includes lawyers with a history of demonstrated leadership in the legal profession

### Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, Colorado Bar Association

- Chair, 2021-2023
- Vice Chair, 2020-2021
- CBA-CLE ADR Conference Planning Committee 2017-2023

#### **Denver Bar Association**

- Metro Volunteer Lawyers, *Pro Bono* Attorney, 2019 to present. Represent low-income clients in bankruptcy and family law
- "Pro Bono All Stars" Award Recipient, 2021
- Court Mediation Services, Lead Volunteer Mediator, 2019 to present. Court mediator for civil, small claims, and domestic matters

### Jefferson County Mediation Services, Golden, Colorado, Lead Volunteer Mediator, 2015 to 2020

• Mediated 117 volunteer cases in family, neighbor, landlord-tenant, civil, and small claims

# Missoula Community Dispute Resolution Center, Volunteer Mediator, Missoula, Montana, 2012–2013

• Mediated landlord-tenant, family, employment, consumer disputes

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- The Benefits of the Joint Session in Family Law Matters, Colorado Lawyer, Vol. 51, No. 11(December 2022)
- The Benefits of Promoting Party Self-Determination in Mediation, Colorado Lawyer, Vol.51, No. 9 (October 2022)

- *Unlocking Apology*'s *Potential in Resolving Disputes*, Colorado Lawyer, Vol. 54, No. 7 (July 2022)
- From Gladiators to Counselors: The Mediator's Role in Encouraging Attorneys to Problem-Solve, Colorado Lawyer, Vol. 50, No. 4 (April 2021)
- Is Lawyer Presence to Blame for Mediation's Drift away from Party Self-Determination? Trial Talk, Vol. 69, No. 2 (2020)
- Removal of the Impediment: The State of Transgender Marriage in Montana, Montana Law Review, Vol. 74, No. 2 (2013)
- Mandatory Appellate Mediation, Montana Lawyer, Vol. 39, No. 2 (2013)

#### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Lessons for Mediators from the EDI Roundtable, Southeast Metro Law Club, Denver, Colorado, 2024
- Developing Literacy in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity for Ethical Mediation Practice, 17th Annual ADR Conference, Denver, Colorado, 2023
- The Importance of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity in ADR Practices, Court Mediation Services CLE, Denver, Colorado, 2023
- Mediation Advocacy: Tips on How to Effectively Represent Clients During Mediation, Metro Volunteer Lawyers CLE, Denver, Colorado, 2022
- Increasing a New Mediator's Worth: Creating Value in a Diversifying ADR Community, 16th Annual ADR Conference, Denver, Colorado, 2022
- Mediation Advocacy: Suggestions for Attorney Preparation, USA&M CLE, St. Louis, Missouri, 2021, Denver, CO 2021
- Access to Justice Through Effective Mediation Advocacy, International Women's Insolvency and Reorganization Confederation CLE, Denver, Colorado, 2022
- Setting the Stage: Strategies for Building an Agenda and Generating Movement, Moderator, CBA-ADR Section CLE, Denver, Colorado, 2022
- Mediation Advocacy: Suggestions for Attorney Preparation, USA&M CLE, St. Louis, Missouri, 2021
- Party Self-Determination and Settlement Fortitude, 15th Annual ADR Conference, Denver, Colorado 2021
- Making the Most from Your 2-hour Mediation, Family Law Institute, Denver, Colorado, 2021
- Out-of-Court Resolutions: Best Practices in a Post-Pandemic World, Faculty of Federal Advocates CLE, Denver, Colorado, 2021
- Bankruptcy Basics, Metro Volunteer Lawyers CLE, Denver, Colorado, 2021
- Mediation Ethics Panel, 14th Annual ADR Conference, Denver, Colorado, 2020
- From Gladiators to Counselors: The Mediators' Role in Shifting Attorneys from Competing to Problem-Solving, 14th Annual ADR Conference, Denver, Colorado, 2020
- Mediating in the Shadow of Bankruptcy, 13th Annual ADR Conference, Denver, Colorado, 2019
- The Power of Apology in Resolving Disputes, 13th Annual ADR Conference, Denver, Colorado, 2019
- Mediation Litigation: Recent Reported Court Opinions about Mediation, 12th Annual ADR Conference, Denver, Colorado, 2018
- Multidisciplinary Professionalism in Mediation: Navigating the T-junction of Attorney-mediators, Non-attorney Mediators, and Attorney-advocates, 11<sup>th</sup> Annual ADR Conference, Denver, Colorado, 2017