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Legal Experience:

Managing Partner, Fourth Street Law, LLC, Castle Rock, Colorado

- 26+ years' experience representing clients for family law, dependency and neglect, juvenile, guardianship, and criminal matters;
- Serve as attorney for private parties, private-paid guardian ad litem, child's legal representative;

July 2023-February 2025, Contractor, Office of Child Representative

- Court appointed Guardian ad litem and Child Legal Representative in probate, mental health, domestic relations, and dependency and neglect matters;

Notable Cases:

In re the Marriage of Wollert and Joseph, 464 P.3d 703 (Colo. 2020)

In re the Marriage of Conners, 550 P.3d 684 (Colo. 2024)

Memberships:

Colorado Bar Association

Douglas County Elbert Bar Association

Family Law Section, Colorado Bar Association

Metro Denver Interdisciplinary Committee

National Association of Counsel for Children

Colorado Chapter Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

Additional Training Compliant with HB-23-1178:

Certified User of Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment (ODERA); N. Zoe Hilton, PhD and Waypoint Center of Mental Healthcare Centre; 10 case studies completed; October 14, 2023.

20 hours training for HB 23-1178 Professional Domestic Violence Training and Child Abuse completed October 14, 2023; Vincent Bruno, LPC, Domestic Violence Treatment and Evaluation Expert

6 hours training Child Abuse, Sexual Abuse, and the Traumatic Effects of Children and Families completed October 15, 2022; Peaceful Households

6 hours training Domestic Violence, Coercive control and its Traumatic Effects completed October 29, 2022; Peaceful Households

1.5 hours training ACEs: What's in a Score (WBT) 2023-2024 completed July 12, 2023; Colorado Child Welfare Training System on behalf of Colorado Department of Human Services

2 hours training Safe and Together: Multiple Pathways to Harm (WBT) 2023-2024 completed July 12, 2023; Colorado Child Welfare Training System on behalf of Colorado Department of Human Services

2.5 hours training Safe and Together: Introduction to the Model (WBT) 2023-2024 completed July 13, 2023; Colorado Child Welfare Training System on behalf of Colorado Department of Human Services

2 hours training Safe and Together: Working with Men as Parents (WBT) 2023-2024 completed July 13, 2023; Colorado Child Welfare Training System on behalf of Colorado Department of Human Services

40 hours training Child Family Investigator completed July 14, 2023

14 hours training Core Competencies I: Orientation for New Attorneys & Case Consultants completed July 18, 2023

2 hours training 12th Annual Excellence in Youth Defense Annual Conference completed April 12, 2024

11 hours training OCR Fall Conference 2024 completed September 16, 2024

2 hours training The Intersection of Child Welfare and Domestic Relations; Everything you Need to Know about Trails completed September 17, 2024

Personal Interests:

Ms. Cooley is an avid animal lover and dedicated mother to five children including two of whom are adopted, leading her to understand the nuances in family law cases and parenting challenges. Ms. Cooley is experienced with neuro divergent children, ADHD, 504 plans, IEPs, and other special needs that children develop. Ms. Cooley is also experienced in domestic violence and child abuse and the resulting impacts on children. Ms. Cooley's dogs regularly visit the office and are available for hugs and kisses for clients experiencing a tough day. Ms. Cooley grew up traveling all over the world as an Army brat. This experience gives her unique insight into cultural differences.

Education:

1998, JD, University of Denver, Sturm College of Law

1996, BA, Austin College, Sherman Texas