

ATTORNEY PROFILES



Marie Avery Moses

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Marie Avery Moses has been practicing family law exclusively since 1997. During her career, Marie has developed a reputation for providing thoughtful, compassionate, and sensible representation to clients facing complex and compelling family law problems. Marie enjoys working closely with clients to prepare and present cases for resolution through mediation or litigation.

In 2010 Marie was named one of the top 50 attorneys in Colorado by *Super Lawyers*. She is also listed in the *Best Lawyers in America*. Marie is a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and has received an A-V rating from Martindale Hubbell.

Prior to beginning her family law practice, Marie spent two years as a law clerk for the Honorable Edwin G. Ruland of the Colorado Court of Appeals. As a result of her experience on the Court of Appeals, Marie has developed an expertise in handling appeals in domestic relations cases, obtaining favorable results for clients as counsel for both appellants and appellees. Marie successfully argued three published cases, *In re Marriage of Ohr*, 97 P.3d 354 (Colo. App. 2004), *In re Marriage of Moore*, 107 P.3d 1150 (Colo. App. 2005), and *In re Marriage of Schelp*, 228 P.3d 151 (Colo. 2010). Marie lectures on appellate procedures for the Colorado Bar Association and has published "An Appellate Primer for Family Law Practitioners" in *The Colorado Lawyer*. Marie is a member of the Amicus Committee of the Colorado Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and has contributed to the most recent brief submitted to the Colorado Supreme Court by that organization on the issue of parental constitutional rights.

Marie is presently serving as the Chair of the Family Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association, having been elected to this position by attorneys throughout the State of Colorado. Marie continues to serve as the Co-Chair of the Colorado Bar Association's Family Law Section Legislative Committee where she has worked with members of the Colorado legislature to formulate and draft legislation pertaining to parenting time, child support, temporary support, paternity, domestic violence and grandparent and third-party visitation issues. Marie regularly testifies before Colorado House and Senate Committees regarding all areas of domestic relations. She served as the Co-Editor for *The Colorado Lawyer's* Family Law column from 2002 to 2006, and chair of the Colorado Bar Association's 2009 Family Law Institute.

Marie enjoys running with her relay team, reading fiction, playing softball and trying to keep some semblance of order in her household which consists of her husband, David, their twins, Kenny & Helen, and the family pets.

Marie has represented clients in dissolution of marriage cases involving: (1) high conflict custody disputes, including circumstances of substance abuse, physical abuse, parental alienation and mental illness; (2) restrictions on parental rights; (3) complex asset valuation issues including business valuations, trust interests, family partnerships, and stock options; (4) valuing and tracing separate property interests; (5) tracing wasted marital assets; (6) establishing income of self-employed spouses for support purposes; (7) post-decree litigation to set aside Separation Agreements or Permanent Orders; (8) post-decree modifications of support and allocation of parental rights and responsibilities; (9) contempt proceedings; and (10) establishment of trusts for the benefit of children.

Additionally, Marie represents clients in non-traditional child custody disputes including cases involving: (1) psychological parents; (2) grandparent requests for parenting time; (3) paternity disputes involving more than one presumed father; and (4) disputes involving same-sex parents.

Employment History

- Kelly Garnsey Hubbell + Lass LLC (Denver, Colorado): Member, 2008-present
- Cook, Cooper & Moses, LLC (Greenwood Village, Colorado): Member, 2004-2008
- Gutterman Griffiths, PC (Littleton, Colorado): Associate, 2002-2004
- Gutterman Carlton & Heckenbach, LLP (Lone Tree, Colorado): Associate, 1997-2002
- Colorado Court of Appeals, (Denver, Colorado): Law Clerk to Hon. Edwin G. Ruland, 1995-1997

Education

J.D., University of Denver College of Law, 1995

Honors: Order of St. Ives; American Jurisprudence Award in Family Law; Award for Scholastic Excellence in Legal Professionalism; Member, University of Denver's Trial Team; Member, University of Denver Law Review; Chancellors Scholar

B.A., University of Virginia, 1992

Honors: Echols Scholar

Licensure

Admitted to practice in Colorado.

Civil and Professional Activities

- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers: Fellow.
- Arapahoe, Denver and Colorado Bar Associations: Member.
- Colorado Bar Association, Family Law Section: Chair, 2010.
- Colorado Bar Association, Family Law Section Legislative Committee: Co-Chair, 2004-present.
- Colorado Bar Foundation, Fellow.
- Mi Casa Legal Night: Volunteer, 2006-present.
- Barbri Family Law Review: Lecturer, 2000-2008.
- Colorado Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education: Lecturer.
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*.
- Listed in 2009 and 2010 *Super Lawyers*: Top 25 Women Attorneys.

Publications

"Appellate Advocacy for Family Law Practitioners," *The Practitioner's Guide to Colorado Domestic Relations Law* (2005).

"The Constitutionality of Colorado's Grandparent and Third-Party Standing

Statutes," *The Colorado Lawyer* (February 2003).

"An Appellate Primer for Family Law Practitioners," *The Colorado Lawyer* (March 2001).

Published Cases

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