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### **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

Truhlar and Truhlar, L.L.P., Centennial, Colorado, 1985-present. Family law, child custody, employment law, decision maker appointments, juvenile, and wills. Strong emphasis is on family law. Practice in all Denver metropolitan area courts, most often in Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, Jefferson, Adams and Denver counties. Partner is husband, who concentrates in employment law.

Former legal positions have included Corporate Secretary/General Counsel, Hart Exploration and Production Company, Englewood, Colorado. Also worked for two other firms and was a sole practitioner for one year.

Law Clerk to the Honorable Robert H. McWilliams, United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, Denver, Colorado 1980-81.

Newspaper editor and reporter, The Denver Post, Denver, Colorado; The Clinton Daily News, Clinton, Oklahoma; The Fulton Daily Sun-Gazette, Fulton, Missouri; Globe-Democrat, St. Louis, Missouri; The Missourian, Columbia, Missouri; Springfield Leader & Press, Springfield, Missouri.

### **EDUCATION:**

University of Denver College of Law

Juris Doctor Degree received in 1980. Class Rank: Fourth in class of 133.

General Editor, Senior Editor, Denver Law Journal, 1979-80.

Foundation Press Award, 1st, best student writing, 1979-80.

Order of Saint Ives, Honorary Scholastic Legal Society.

Andrea M. Guyer Memorial Scholarship, 1978-79.

Harold H. Widney Memorial Scholarship, 1979-80.

American Jurisprudence Awards (awarded for the top grade in the class): Property, Secured Transactions and Criminal Law.

Assistant to Professor Larry Tiffany, assisted in writing criminal code for American Samoa.

University of Denver

Master of Arts in Mass Communications received in 1976.

4.0 grade point average. Thesis, original research required.

University of Missouri School of Journalism, Columbia

Bachelor of Journalism Degree received in 1967. Teaching assistant in copyediting.

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**HONORS, ACTIVITIES, TEACHING, MISCELLANEOUS:**

Honoree, Colorado Women's Bar Association Raising the Bar dinner, September 2012, recognition for outstanding career and for mentoring other women.

Member, University of Denver College of Law Alumni Council, 2012-16.

President, Colorado Women's Bar Association, 2002-03. Also formerly served as co-chair, Long-Range Planning Committee; secretary; historian; and Co-Chair of Judicial Committee. Currently serving as 2011-13 representative to Colorado Bar Association Board of Governors, and member of the Board of Directors. During presidency, CWBA completed nine charitable projects.

Chair, The Colorado Lawyer Board of Editors, 2008-09; member 2003-09.

Co-chair (with husband/law partner), Law Stars Committee, University of Denver College of Law, 2009-10. Currently continuing to serve as a member of the committee.

Member, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Nominating Commission. Serve as one of three attorney members of the commission, which makes nominations to the governor when there are judicial openings. Appointed to six-year term that started on January 1, 2008.

Vice president and member of the Executive Committee, Colorado Bar Association, 2007-08.

Recipient, University of Denver College of Law Alumni Professionalism Award (Law Stars), received jointly with husband/law partner in September 2003.

Member, Attorney Regulation Committee ("the Committee"), 1999-2008. One of six attorney members of the Committee, which is appointed by the Colorado Supreme Court. Re-Appointed four times and recognized for service in December 2008 by the Supreme Court and the Committee (for "outstanding contribution and service to the citizens of Colorado, the legal profession and the Colorado Supreme Court"). The Committee reviews and acts upon grievances against attorneys.

President, Arapahoe County Bar Association, 2003-04. Also member of Board of Directors, treasurer, Community Services Chair, representative to CBA Board of Governors, and Co-Chair of the Newsletter Committee. Founder and organizer of Pro Se Clinic, and still serve as a volunteer in the clinic. Currently serving as alternate to Board of Governors of Colorado Bar Association.

Listed in Colorado Super Lawyers and in *5280 Magazine*, 2006, 2008, 2012.

Member, Gov. Bill Owens' Transition Team, Judiciary Committee, 1998. Served on Gov. Owens' Civil Justice Task Force, 1999-2000, co-chair of Pro Se Committee of that task force.

1999 Recipient of Donald Hoagland Award for outstanding public and community service, presented by the Colorado Bar Association at annual convention in September 1999.

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**HONORS, ACTIVITIES, TEACHING, MISCELLANEOUS (continued):**

Recipient, Charles B. Dillion Award of Merit, in Recognition of Outstanding Public Service, Arapahoe County Bar Association, 1997.

Chair, Colorado Supreme Court Committee on Domestic Relations Advocacy, 2000-02 (ad hoc committee established by one of the justices).

Chair, Board, Metro Volunteer Lawyers, (1996-1998); member, 1994-2000. Formerly volunteered for MVL monthly Family Law Programs in both Arapahoe and Denver District Courts, 1991-2000. Honored at 1998 Barristers' Ball for outstanding public service to MVL, which provides legal services to poor and low-income clients.

Recognized by the Colorado Bar Foundation, December 2008, for dedicated service and support.

Writer, column on outstanding Colorado attorneys, The Colorado Lawyer, 1999-2002, articles listed below.

Women of Achievement Award, YWCA/Metropolitan Denver, Entrepreneur of the Year, 1993. Award based on leadership, contributions to workplace and community, participation in the personal and professional development of others, and serving as a role model.

Recipient, Arapahoe County/Colorado Bar Association Certificate of Appreciation, 1992, awarded to a member of the bar for outstanding service to the profession and community.

Member, Board, Colorado Foster Parents Training Association, 1991-93.

Adjunct professor, University of Denver College of Law, 1986-88 and 1990-92. Teacher, trial advocacy program, 1986-88, Lawyering Process (first-year course in which teacher is the "senior partner"), 1990-92. Member, Advisory Committee, Advocacy Skills Program, University of Denver College of Law, 1990. University of Denver College of Law All-Stars Committee, 1995-1998.

Author, speaker, organizer and moderator for various programs, including in areas of family and juvenile law, and attorney ethics; presenter for Continuing Legal Education in Colorado, family law ethics program; Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center program on advocating for children and foster parents; annual conferences of the Metropolitan Denver Interdisciplinary Committee on Child Custody; and at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Recently presented at the 2011 Family Law Institute and the 2011 Arapahoe County Bar Association spring meeting. Topics have included custody and joint custody, serving as child representative, family law, torts against children, being appointed to the bench, ethics, reporting child abuse, school law and domestic violence. Organizer of training for guardians ad litem in Denver District Court and Arapahoe County District Court. Organizer and moderator of domestic relations program for Arapahoe

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**HONORS, ACTIVITIES, TEACHING, MISCELLANEOUS (continued):**

County Bar Association. Planning committee for a training program for attorneys involved in serving as child representatives.

Member of and active in legal organizations, including Colorado Bar Association, Metropolitan Denver Interdisciplinary Committee (on parenting time and parental responsibilities), and Colorado Interdisciplinary Committee.

Who's Who/American Law, Who's Who/American Women, Who's Who/West.

Recipient, 1986 Denver Bar Association Volunteer Attorney of the Year Award for work with pro se and indigent people, including work with school children and various programs sponsored by the Denver Bar. Founder and teacher in the Colorado Bar Association pro se divorce clinics, 1981-87 (conducted at YWCA of Metropolitan Denver).

Member, Colorado Bar Association Ethics Committee, 1984-91. Chairman of three subcommittees of the Ethics Committee. Also a member of the calling committee of the Ethics Committee.

Admitted to practice before the Colorado Supreme Court, United States District Court for the District of Colorado, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Judicial Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

**PARTIAL LIST OF ARTICLES AND OTHER EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Currently serving as one of three coordinating editors for special edition of *The Colorado Lawyer*, Women in the Law, with all the authors members of the CWBA.

"Profiles of Success: Pat Hall," The Colorado Lawyer, May 2002.

"Committee Writes Clients' Bill of Rights and Responsibilities," The Colorado Lawyer, February 2002, co-authored with the Honorable District Court Judge Angela R. Arkin and Albert M. Bonin.

"Profiles of Success: Professor Lucy Marsh," The Colorado Lawyer, November 2001.

"Profiles of Success: Judge Juanita Rice," The Colorado Lawyer, August 2000.

"Profiles of Success: Judge Patti O'Rourke," The Colorado Lawyer, February 2000.

"Profiles of Success: Ellen Stuart Roberts," The Colorado Lawyer, October 1999.

"Use of a Parenting Coordinator in Domestic Cases," The Colorado Lawyer, May 1998.

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**PARTIAL LIST OF ARTICLES AND OTHER WRITING (continued):**

"The Role of the Guardian ad Litem in Domestic Relations Cases," book chapter, A Handbook for Guardians ad Litem. Published through the University of Denver College of Law, 1998.

"Judicial Profile: The Honorable Robert H. McWilliams, Jr.," 1993 Centennial Edition, The Denver Law Journal, University of Denver.

"Guardians ad litem in Domestic Relations Court," co-author, The Colorado Lawyer, September 1991.

"Reporting of Child Abuse," The Advocate's Voice, Spring 1989.

"Dischargeability of Domestic Relations Attorneys' Fees," Trial Talk (monthly magazine of the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association), June 1989.

"Coping With the Paper Avalanche: A Survey on the Disposition of Client Files," co-author, The Colorado Lawyer, October 1987. This article was based upon original research.

"Cary v. Board of Education, Academic Freedom at the High School Level," The Denver Law Journal, 1980.

"Overview, Administrative Law," co-authored, The Denver Law Journal, 1980.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Married to Robert J. Truhlar, who is also law partner. Three daughters, ages 42, 30 and 29, three sons-in-law, and three grandsons, ages 13, 11, and 7. A son died in 1993.

Member, Vestry (governing board), Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Centennial, 1992-1995 and 2006-2009. Also currently or previously served on Search Committee, Altar Guild, as lay reader and chalice minister, usher and as a liturgical assistant. Served as Vice President, Episcopal Church Women. Member, Outreach Committee and former Chairman, Outreach Committee, 1989-93. Member, Sexual Misconduct Response Team, Episcopal Diocese, 1996-97. Volunteer at St. Francis Center (a homeless shelter operated by the Episcopal Diocese), and St. Clare's Kitchen, which provides meals to the homeless.

Hobbies and personal interests: Hiking and walking, travel, crafts including making stationery with Colorado wildflowers, reading, cooking, playing bridge and Scrabble, playing and walking with my dog, a Miniature Pinscher.