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## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

**Chayet & Danzo, LLC** Denver, Colorado with offices in Vail, Colorado and Aspen Colorado

**Managing Partner.** February 2002 - Present

Chayet & Danzo, LLC, is a full-service elder law, probate litigation and estate planning law practice. While I am well versed in all aspects of my law firm, my focus has been on probate litigation, guardianships, conservatorships, fiduciary services and special needs planning. Other expertise includes Guardian ad Litem work (having served as a GAL on over 100+ cases) and serving as a trustee, conservator and personal representative. With experience in hundreds of probate cases and probate court appearances, I also have Co-Counsel and Expert experience in the settlement of personal injury cases under probate Rule 62. Other Co-Counsel and Expert experience includes divorce and family law with issues of incapacity, as well as expert work in the areas of reasonableness of attorney and fiduciary fees in probate cases, disability planning, long term care, public benefits and associated real estate and business transactions in matters of estates, trusts, probate and elder law.

**Adjunct Professor of Law in Elder Law, University of Colorado School of Law, 2015- Present**

Appointed as Adjunct Professor of Law to develop and teach the first elder law curriculum at the University of Colorado School of Law in Boulder, Colorado.

**Public Administrator for the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (18JDPA, LLC)**

Judicial Appointment on February 6, 2014, for Arapahoe County, Douglas County, Elbert County and Lincoln County. Appointed as conservator, trustee, and personal representative for estates and cases in the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. A Public Administrator is a private individual (not a public employee) appointed by the Chief Judge to collect, protect, and manage the assets of individuals and estates.

**Law Offices of S.G.H., P.C.,** Denver, Colorado

**Associate Counsel.** October 1998- February 2002

Attorney and Law Clerk (1997) for a nationally recognized elder law, probate litigation and estate planning attorney. Handled all aspects of this law practice with proven success of client generation.

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

- 6th Congressional District Commissioner for the Supreme Court Nominating Commission, 2021-2026
  - Appointed by: Governor Jared Polis, Attorney General Phil Weiser and Justice Brian Boatright
- Trustee and Appointed Chairman of *The Next Fifty Initiative*, (a non-profit foundation, June 2016)
  - \$200 million foundation serving aging issues nationwide, funded by the sale of InnovAge in 2016
- Appointed by Governor Hickenlooper Commissioner of Colorado Office of Public Guardian, 2017-2023
- Colorado Supreme Court Disciplinary Hearing Board appointee 2012-2022
- 5280 Denver Magazine Top Lawyer in Elder Law 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- 5280 Denver Magazine Top Lawyer in Probate Litigation 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Barrister's Best Trust and Estate Attorney Law Week Colorado 2017, 2020
- Barrister's Best (People's Choice) Trust and Estate Attorney Law Week Colorado 2014
- Top 100 Colorado Super Lawyers 2013, 2014, 2016, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Colorado Super Lawyer in Elder Law 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020,2021,2022
- Colorado Super Lawyer Rising Star in Elder Law 2009, 2010, 2011

- Elder Law Section Representative to Board of Governors, Colorado Bar Association 2014-2022
- Chairman of the Elder Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association 2008 - 2010
  - Drafter/Committee Member: Post Adjudication Right to Counsel Statute, Probate Rule 16 revision, Compensation and Cost Recovery Act C.R.S.15-10-601 et.seq.;
  - Chairman of Guardianship and Conservatorship Standards Committee 2006-2008
- Elder Law Section Executive Council Member 2011-2019
- Colorado Trial Lawyers Association- Eagle Member, CTLA Chair for CBA G.A.L. Committee 2015-2017
- Academy of Special Need Planners- Charter Member
- American Bar Association,
  - Past Chair Surrogate Decision Making Committee
- National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
  - Membership Committee, Practice Development Committee, Good and Welfare Committee
- Colorado Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys –Current President

### **SELECTED COURT APPOINTMENTS, PRO BONO AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Guardian Ad Litem and Attorney appointee for Adult and Minor Probate cases
- Denver Probate Court Guardian Ad Litem and Attorney appointee for Adult and Minor Probate cases
- Guardian Ad Litem appointments, Special Conservator and expert work in Domestic Relations cases under *In re Marriage of Sorenson, 166 P.3d 245 (Colo.App. 2007)* and for long term care issues
- Guardian Ad Litem appointment in United States District Court, District of Colorado
- Office of Child Representative appointed Attorney and Guardian Ad Litem for probate cases
- Denver Probate Court Volunteer Attorney for Pro Se office
- Metro Volunteer Lawyers
- Rose Community Foundation- Member Committee on Aging (past)
- Guardianship Alliance of Colorado - Board of Advisory Directors
- Innovage (formerly Total Community Options) Foundation- Board of Directors (Past)
- Jewish Family Services Board of Governance
- Allied Jewish Apartments- Board of Directors (past)
- Colorado Citizens for Accountability- Board of Directors (past)
- The Foundation For Hope- Board of Directors (past)
- Jewish Senior Recreation Network- Board of Directors (past)
- Life Source Services Hospice- Board of Directors (past)
- Endowed first Elder Law scholarship at the University of Colorado School of Law in 2011
- Campaign For Colorado Law's Future 2011-2016 – Committee Member raising \$40 Million for CU Law

### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

- Colorado Handbook of Elder Law*, Fourth Ed.  
Chapter on Special Needs Planning (CLE in Colo., Inc., 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020).
- *How to Protect Your Family's Assets from Devastating Nursing Home Costs: Medicaid Secrets*  
Phyllis Press, Colorado Edition, (2013-2020).
- *Resolving a Medicaid Claim in a Decedent's Probate Estate*,  
The Colorado Lawyer, Feb. 2008, Vol. 37, No. 2. (2008).
- CPA'S Guide to Long Term Care Planning—Colorado Chapter*.  
AICPA , Inc.(2008)
- Preserving Your Wealth: Long Term Care and Medicaid Planning in Colorado*.  
Bradford Publishing of Colorado (2003) and (2013 First Western Trust Publication)

**Research, writing and citation assistance with the following publications:**

*-Defects, Due Process, and Protective Proceedings: Are Our Probate Codes Unconstitutional?*, American Bar Association Real Property, Probate and Trust Journal, Vol. 33 (1998). (Haines)

*-Issues for the Elderly Client, Part I and Part II-Estate and Healthcare Planning*, The Colorado Lawyer, Sept. 2000, Vol. 29, No. 9. (2000) and Mar. 2001, Vol. 30, No. 3. (2001). (Haines)

**SELECTED LECTURES, TEACHING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING**

**Featured Speaker.** Colorado Domestic Relations and Probate Judicial Best Practices Institute Capacity and Interstate Jurisdiction Issues: When Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Divorce Cross State Lines, 2019

**Featured Speaker.** Colorado Bar Association Estate Planning Retreat Back to the Basics For The Courtroom, 2019

**Featured Speaker.** Colorado Trial Lawyers Association Tips To Remember When Seeking Probate Court Approval of Your Settlement, 2018

**Featured Speaker.** 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Senior Law Day, Powers of Attorney, Conservatorships, Guardianships and Fiduciary Issues, 2018

**Featured Speaker.** National Guardianship Association annual conference, Atypical Fiduciary Distributions, 2017

**Featured Speaker and Chair.** Colorado Bar Association “Elder Law in Colorado” seminar. 2017

**Featured Speaker.** Colorado Adult Protection Services- Annual Conference 2015 Professional and Legal Resources and Documentation Available to Assist APS in Investigations

**Featured Speaker.** American Association of Daily Money Managers-Key Note Annual Meeting Providing Fiduciary Services: Practical Guidelines for DMMs and How to Work with Attorneys. 2014

**Featured Speaker.** Colorado Bar Association Real Estate Section Real Estate Hot Topics in Elder Law. 2013

**Featured Speaker.** Colorado Bar Association *Senior Law Day.* 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005

**Featured Speaker.** Colorado Bar Association Estate Planning Retreat Legal Representation of Fiduciaries-Are you Prepared for the Scrutiny? 2009

**Featured Speaker.** Colorado Bar Association, Program Chair and Moderator Conservatorship and Guardianship Law 2008, 2009

**Featured Speaker and Chair.** Colorado Bar Association “Elder Law Basic Skills” seminar. 2019, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009,

**Featured Speaker.** Colorado Bar Association, Program Chair, Speaker and/or Moderator Advanced Elder Law Retreat 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019

**Featured Speaker.** American Bar Association, Real Property, Trust & Estate Section Contested and Interstate Guardianship Proceedings 2011, Annual Meeting Washington D.C.

**Featured Speaker.** Colorado Bar Association Family Law Institute Elder Law and Probate For the Family Law Attorney 2009

**Featured Speaker.** Colorado Bar Association, CLE *Advanced Elder Law Institute.* 2010 Advanced Family Law Issues in Elderly Dissolutions

**Featured Speaker.** Colorado Bar Association “ElderLaw Update: Understanding the New Acceptance of Office for Conservators and Guardians. Co-presenter with Magistrate Michael Gallegos 2006

**Featured Speaker.** Colorado Bar Association Hanging Your Shingle Seminar. 2004-2013

**Featured Speaker.** Colorado Bar Association *Representing the Conservator or Guardian Client After Appointment.* 2005

**Featured Speaker.** Colorado Bar Association  
“*Elder Abuse: Financial Exploitation: A Case Study; Road Blocks; Crawford; Civil and Criminal Remedies.* Joint presentation with Ranae Johnson and Joseph M. Morales. 2005  
**Featured Speaker.** Colorado Bar Association.  
*Elder Law Ethics 2005.*  
**Featured Speaker.** Colorado Bar Association  
*Fundamentals of Conservatorships and Guardianships, 2004*  
**Featured Speaker.** Guardianship Alliance of Colorado  
*Colorado Conservatorship and Guardianship Law, November 2003*  
**Featured Television Guest and Speaker.** Senior Survival Television Show  
*Elder Law Issues, 2002, 2003,2004*  
**Featured Speaker.** CLE International, *Elder Law: Helping Your Clients Deal with the Legal, Financial and Emotional Challenges of Aging, 2001*  
**Featured Speaker.** University of Denver Elder Law Institute for Advanced Legal Studies 2001,2000,1999

## EDUCATION

**University of Colorado School of Law, J.D.** 1997 (Admitted to Practice Law in Colorado, United States District Court for the District of Colorado, and the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit United States District court of Appeals)

**University of Colorado at Boulder, B.A.** Political Science 1994

**University of California at Berkeley, 1989-1990**

**Army and Navy Academy, Carlsbad, California, Graduate, 1984-1989**

**Graland Country Day School, Denver, Colorado**

**REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS, EXPERT CASES, APPELLATE CASES  
AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

**ADDITIONAL TEACHING, PUBLICATIONS AND LECTURES  
AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**