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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 extensive Guardian ad Litem work for minors and adults (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 18th 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 18th 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

- John J. Campbell Award for Outstanding Contribution to The Practice of Elder Law in Colorado, 2023
- 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 First Chairman of *The Next Fifty Initiative*, 2016-2026
 - \$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 2012-2025
- 5280 Denver Magazine Top Lawyer in Elder Law 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- 5280 Denver Magazine Top Lawyer in Probate Litigation 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- 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, 2023

- Colorado Super Lawyer Elder Law 2012 through 2023
- Colorado Super Lawyer Rising Star Elder Law 2009, 2010, 2011
- Elder Law Section Representative to Board of Governors, Colorado Bar Association 2014-2024
- Chairman of the Elder Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association 2008 - 2010
 - Drafter/Committee Member: Post Adjudication Right to Counsel Statute, Probate Rule 16/63 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 2011-2024
- 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

- 18th 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, (2013-2022).
- *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 Attorney Mentoring Program

Practical Skills of Estate Planning 2023

Featured Speaker. 18th Judicial District Senior Law Day,

Powers of Attorney, Conservatorships, Guardianships and Fiduciary Issues, 2018, 2022

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. National Guardianship Association annual conference,

Atypical Fiduciary Distributions, 2017

Featured Speaker and Chair. Colorado Bar Association

"Elder Law in Colorado" seminar. 2017-2020

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 10th 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