

## Denise M. Minish Partner

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### EXPERIENCE

Ms. Minish began her legal career as a law clerk in the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District in 2000. In 2002, she began working at the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office as a Deputy District Attorney/Public Information Officer and liaison to the FBI. In that role, prosecuted countless high profile felony cases, to include homicides and complex mental health defense cases. As the Public Information Officer, she was responsible for all media relations to include FOIA and CORA requests and worked with all local and federal agencies on high profile and/or critical incidences involving the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office. During her time there she gained valuable litigation experience, which armed her with the skills necessary to successfully present complex cases to a jury.

In 2008, she began her transition from the government to the private sector by representing the Colorado State Child Support Enforcement Unit where she worked to establish paternity and child support orders and ensured that these orders were enforced. This experience gave her valuable experience into this very specific area of domestic relations law.

After her time working with the Child Support Enforcement Unit, it was a natural transition into civil litigation and family law. Ms. Minish has experience litigating complex civil cases involving multi-million dollar disputes and businesses. Ms. Minish also has the proven ability to represent her client's in domestic relations cases involving complex financial issues, trusts, real estate holdings, businesses and high conflict custody matters. She has been able successfully arrive at amicable resolutions with opposing counsel when possible, but remains prepared to go to court and is able to skillfully litigate issues if an agreement cannot be reached.

The impact that the legal process can have on people's lives is profound and Ms. Minish understands this. Her experience brings compassion, professionalism, and understanding to the table while guiding our clients through the process. Her years of experience with trials, civil litigation, family law, and child support issues make her an attorney that you want on your side of the courtroom. She has earned the reputation as an ethical professional who is effective in the courtroom.

Ms. Minish is also a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution section of the Colorado Bar Association and is an effective family law mediator.

### PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate Law  
Civil Litigation  
Family Law

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

2018 Client Presentation – Determining Dependents for Death Benefits and Common Law Spouse Issues

2006 – 2008 Guest presenter/speaker - 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorneys' Office Citizen's Academy regarding Medial Relations, CORA and FOIA

Guest presenter/speaker - Academy School District 20 – Pine Creek High School regarding How to Prosecute a Homicide Case for a Street Law Class

Guest presenter/speaker - Colorado Springs Police Department Police Academy regarding Mental Health Holds (M1s)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*The Impact of Divorce on Immigration*, El Paso County Bar Association Pikes Peak Lawyer, 19 (August 2018)

## **PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS**

Arapahoe County Bar Association – Family Law Section (2015-Present)

Ben S. Wendelken American Inn of Court member

Colorado Bar Association Member - Family Law Section (2009-Present)

Colorado Bar Association Committee Member – Professionalism (2014-Present)

Colorado Bar Association Committee Member – Balanced Legal Careers (2014-2017)

Colorado Bar Association Member - Alternative Dispute Resolution Section (2017 - present)

Colorado Bar Association Member - Legal Education Committee (2014)

El Paso County Bar Association, Family Law Section (2002- present)

## **AWARDS**

Recognized for the Women in Law Awards 2018 by Lawyer Monthly

10 Best in Client Satisfaction by the American Institute of Family Law Attorneys, 2016-2019

10 Best Female Attorney – Family Law Division by the American Institute of Family Law Attorneys, 2016-2017 and 2019-2020

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Colorado

US District Court, District of Colorado

## **EDUCATION**

J.D., University of Denver Sturm College of Law, 2001

B.S., Metropolitan State University of Denver, 1997