

KARLEE STOPPENHAGEN

Attorney · Mediator · Arbitrator

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BAR ADMISSION · Colorado 2014 (Active)

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Licensed attorney, mediator and arbitrator exclusively practicing alternative dispute resolution. Former trial lawyer with experience in family law, general civil litigation, and criminal defense, representing individuals in complex domestic relations matters throughout Colorado.

Professional experience includes serving as Managing Partner of a multi-state family law firm, advising on professional responsibility, conflicts of interest, ethics, and enterprise risk management. Directed attorney development and legal operations. Supervised case management and guided legal strategy across a high-volume domestic relations practice.

EDUCATION

Mississippi College School of Law | Jackson, MS

Juris Doctor *cum laude* · May 2014

- National Order of Barristers
- Moot Court · External Trial Competition Chair
- Honor Court Justice · Law Student Bar Association
- International Legal Honor Society of Phi Delta Phi · Executive Board
- American Jurisprudence Awards
 - Legal Writing
 - Law Office Management
 - Arbitration Practice and Procedure
- Moot Court Awards
 - Champion, Langston & Langston Trial Competition
 - Best Overall Advocate, Copeland, Cook, Taylor & Bush Appellate Advocacy Competition
 - Semi-Finalist, Show Me Challenge National Voir Dire Tournament
 - Semi-Finalist, National Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition
 - Semi-Finalist, Fifth Circuit Elliot Cup Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition
 - Semi-Finalist, Regional ABA Arbitration Competition
 - Octo-Finalist, Copeland, Cook, Taylor & Bush Appellate Advocacy Competition
- Law School Awards
 - Judge Robert G. Gillespie Award for Oral Advocacy
 - Litigation Section of the Mississippi Bar Award & Scholarship

Wagner College | Staten Island, NY

Bachelor of Science *cum laude* · May 2011
Business Administration (Management), Philosophy

- NCAA Division I · Women's Lacrosse
- Academic All-American, Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association

EXPERIENCE

Founder, Parley Mediation & Arbitration | Statewide, CO · May 2026 – Present

Founded an alternative dispute resolution practice providing mediation, arbitration, and comprehensive resolution (med-arb) services throughout Colorado. Attorney-neutral serving represented and self-represented parties in all types of family law cases and domestic relations disagreements.

Managing Partner, Modern Family Law | Multi-State Family Law Firm · January 2021 – May 2026

Senior firm leader responsible for representing clients in high-conflict family law cases, supervising attorneys and legal staff, directing legal strategy and advocacy, and overseeing professional responsibility, conflicts of interest, and enterprise risk management across a multi-state family law practice.

Managing Attorney, Modern Family Law | Multi-State Family Law Firm · September 2017 – January 2021

Managed a high-volume domestic relations litigation practice from intake through resolution, including post-decree proceedings, while supervising attorneys and legal staff. Advised attorneys on litigation strategy, professional responsibility, and risk management.

Associate Attorney, Grant & Hoffman, P.C. | Greeley, CO · August 2014 – September 2017

Full-service law firm. Represented individuals and businesses in civil litigation, corporate and commercial matters, estate planning, regulatory matters, criminal defense, and domestic relations matters in state and federal court.

AREAS OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

- Allocation of Parental Responsibilities and High-Conflict Parenting
- Business Owners and Executive Compensation
- Child and Family Experts (CFI, PRE, and PC/DM)
- Common Law Marriage
- Complex Divorce and Property Division
- Debt Allocation, Student Loans, and Bankruptcy in Divorce
- Domestic Violence and Protection Orders
- Financial Valuation and Appraisals
- Interstate Child Custody Jurisdiction (UCCJEA)
- Investments, Stocks, and Retirement Assets
- LGBTQ+ Family Law
- Maintenance Modification and Termination
- Mental Health and Special Needs Parenting
- Parent and Child Relocation
- Pets and Personal Property Allocation
- Post-Decree Enforcement and Modification
- Premarital, Marital, and Cohabitation Agreements
- Substance Abuse and Sobriety Monitoring
- Vocational Evaluation and Income Determination

EARLY LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Judicial Extern · Mississippi Supreme Court | 2011

Conducted legal research and analysis on petitions for writs of certiorari; drafted bench memoranda and judicial opinions on assigned matters.

Law Clerk and Legal Internships · Various Law Firms and Government Agencies | 2007 – 2013

Supported attorneys in civil litigation and regulatory matters involving intellectual property, personal injury, worker's compensation, Social Security disability, medical and legal malpractice, appellate advocacy, municipal law, and commercial transactions through legal research, drafting, discovery, and trial preparation in state and federal courts.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Domestic Relations Bench Bar Summit · 2025

Colorado Bar Association · 2014 – Present

Larimer County Bar Association · 2014 – Present

Weld County Bar Association · 2014 – 2018 | Board of Directors · 2017 – 2018

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Rising Star | Super Lawyers · 2019 – 2026

Best of the Best, Female Family Law Attorney | Best of the Best Attorneys · 2025

Lawyer of Distinction, Family Law and Divorce | Lawyers of Distinction · 2024

Litigator of the Year, Family Law | American Institute of Trial Lawyers · 2023

Top 10 (Under 40) | National Academy of Family Law Attorneys · 2019 – 2022

Top 10 Family Law Attorneys | Attorney and Practice Magazine · 2021

10 Best Attorneys | American Institute of Family Law Attorneys · 2020

Rising Star | American Institute of Legal Advocates · 2018

Women in Law Award | Lawyer Monthly · 2018