
ANGELA M. SCHMITZ

EXPERIENCE

Principal, Schmitz Law LLC, August 2016 to present

- Represent clients in litigation matters, including family law, contempt proceedings, contracts, and appeals

Associate Municipal Judge, City of Englewood 2011 to present (on hiatus during 2012)

- Appointed to serve as substitute as needed for Municipal Judge; serve approx. 1-2 days per month
- Conduct jury and bench trials, arraignments, and penalty hearings on misdemeanors and municipal code violations
- Member of Rules Review Committee for Colorado Municipal Rules of Procedure, Colorado Municipal Judges Association (CMJA)

Attorney, The Drake Law Firm, Golden, CO, February 2013 to July 2016

- Represented individual and business clients in litigation in Colorado state and federal courts

Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Colorado, Denver, CO, January 2012 to January 2013

- One-year position in U.S. Attorney's Office
- Defended the U.S. in lawsuits by prisoners concerning prison discipline and sentencing; recovered debts owed to the U.S. (criminal restitution, overpayment of benefits); defended civil suits against the U.S.

Hearings Officer, Marion County Office of Legal Counsel, Salem, OR, 2005 to 2006

- Conducted administrative hearings and wrote legal decisions on land use and code enforcement matters. Matters included animal control, trash accumulation, vehicle tow

Judicial Clerk, Oregon Court of Appeals, Salem, OR, 2003 to 2005

- Conducted research and drafted appellate decisions on criminal, contract, tort, and family law cases.

EDUCATION

University of Oregon School of Law, Eugene, OR
J.D., May 2003

Honors and Awards: Paul Patterson Memorial Fellowship in Law and Public Service; Dean Orlando John Hollis Award for Academic Excellence; Order of the Coif (graduated with GPA in top 10% of class); Oregon Law Review Associate Editor; Oregon Law Students' Public Interest Fund (President 2001-2002)

Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

B.A. in Sociology/Anthropology

Honors and Awards: Phi Beta Kappa; Lynd Prize for Best Scholarly Paper in Sociology

VOLUNTEER AND OTHER EXPERIENCE

Current

Troop Leader, Troop 60993, Girl Scouts of Colorado, 2010 to present

- Lead troop of Englewood Girl Scouts, including earning bronze awards

Board Member, City of Englewood Board of Adjustment and Appeals, 2011 to present

- With board, conduct hearings on variance requests by property owners

Committee Member, Englewood School District "1338 Committee", 2016 to present

- Community/Parent member of statutory committee which recommends to School Board assessments to consider in the district's teacher evaluation framework

Board Member, Denver Mother Attorney Mentoring Association, 2014 to present (President 2015-2016)

- With board, provide networking opportunities to Denver metro women attorneys who are raising families

Volunteer Attorney, Project Homeless Connect, Homeless Court, 2013 to present

- Annual event in which homeless individuals in Denver connect with services. Represent individuals in an on-site Homeless Court to identify outstanding warrants, consider plea agreements, fulfill community service requirements

Board Member and Volunteer, Denver Asset Building Coalition, 2010 to present

- Board member from 2010-2016 (V.P. 2011-2013; President 2013-2015)
- With board, oversee nonprofit organization employing two staff members to offer free tax preparation for low-income families (denverabc.org)

Past

Board Member, Colorado Women's Bar Association, 2014-2016

Founder and President, Lancaster Tot Spot Coop, Lancaster, PA,
2007 to 2009

- Recruited board to create an indoor playground cooperative for preschool children

Volunteer Attorney, Mid-Penn Legal Services, Lancaster, PA, 2006 to 2007

- Conducted legal research and prepared memos for legal aid agency