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SUMMARY

Felony prosecutor with eight years of Colorado practice through October 2026, handling complex person crimes, economic offenses, narcotics trafficking, fraud, money laundering, and multi agency investigations. Admitted to the Colorado Bar in good standing, with substantial district court experience in statewide **grand jury practice**, charging analysis, **search and seizure**, discovery, evidentiary litigation, voir dire, jury trials, jury instructions, sentencing, and **post trial proceedings**. Produces persuasive motions, pleadings, research, and oral advocacy for difficult factual and legal issues. Advises detectives, prosecutors, forensic professionals, and partner agencies on lawful evidence acquisition, investigative strategy, and ethical charging. Brings sound judgment, clear communication, and steady case ownership across jurisdictions, including homicide support, trafficking investigations, opioid matters, and intensive evidence review. Prepared for frequent statewide travel and **complex special prosecutions**.

EXPERIENCE

Senior Deputy District Attorney

July 2023 - Present

Front Range District Attorney's Office

Lakewood, CO

Leads complex felony prosecutions involving violent offenses, organized fraud, narcotics distribution, and money laundering. Owns grand jury strategy, charging instruments, contested motions, trial proceedings, partner consultation, and mentoring across **multi jurisdictional investigations**.

- Led felony strategy using forensic evidence, witness testimony, and **criminal procedure** across complex prosecutions.
- Presented grand jury matters and prepared indictments, subpoenas, warrants, and supporting pleadings after evidence review.
- Litigated search, seizure, confession, identification, discovery, and evidentiary motions through research driven **district court** advocacy.
- Conducted **voir dire**, jury trials, sentencing, and post trial proceedings while preserving complex issues for review.
- Advised detectives and partner agencies on lawful **evidence acquisition**, arrest authority, interviews, and investigative sequencing.
- Mentored newer prosecutors in felony preparation, motion writing, courtroom advocacy, and ethical **charging decisions**.

Deputy District Attorney

March 2021 - June 2023

Pikes Peak Judicial District Attorney's Office

Colorado Springs, CO

Prosecuted serious district court felonies from charging through disposition or trial, translating police, digital, financial, laboratory, and witness records into persuasive litigation plans. Coordinated investigators and prosecutors across agency boundaries while developing courtroom judgment.

- Prosecuted **burglary**, trafficking, fraud, aggravated assault, and controlled substance cases through **trial** or disposition.
- Built litigation plans from digital records, financial evidence, laboratory results, and witness interviews before charging.
- Drafted and argued suppression, **discovery**, evidentiary, and procedural motions involving warrants, statements, and **identification**.
- Prepared witnesses and investigators for **hearings** and trials using organized examinations and persuasive courtroom presentations.
- Managed jury selection, exhibits, proposed instructions, demonstratives, and closing arguments for serious felony matters.
- Coordinated cross agency cases, resolving discovery and scheduling issues through timely partner communication.

Deputy District Attorney

August 2019 - February 2021

Mesa County District Attorney's Office

Grand Junction, CO

Managed felony matters involving property crime, narcotics distribution, fraud, and person offenses. Evaluated probable cause and charging options, researched Colorado law, reviewed extensive evidence, and maintained disclosure and courtroom deadlines across active litigation.

- Managed property, narcotics, **fraud**, and person offense matters through arraignment, motions, negotiation, and trial preparation.
- Evaluated probable cause, criminal histories, victim information, and investigative evidence for proportionate charging recommendations.
- Researched Colorado statutes and procedural rules, converting analysis into concise motions, responses, and hearing outlines.
- Examined law enforcement and civilian witnesses during evidentiary hearings and developed trial advocacy fundamentals.
- Reviewed video, warrants, laboratory reports, financial records, and digital evidence to strengthen case theories.
- Maintained communication with victims, investigators, defense counsel, and court staff while meeting disclosure deadlines.

Deputy District Attorney

November 2018 - July 2019

Arapahoe County District Attorney's Office

Centennial, CO

Handled misdemeanor and developing felony assignments under senior attorney supervision, building foundational experience in charging review, negotiation, hearings, evidence, ethical disclosure, and courtroom practice across a busy district docket.

- Handled assault, theft, impaired driving, and drug assignments through charging review, negotiation, hearings, and preparation.
- Organized reports, recordings, witness information, and documentary evidence for developing felony matters.
- Researched **arrest**, search, seizure, and evidence questions for hearings and written submissions.
- Supported jury trial preparation through witness outlines, exhibit organization, instructions, and **voir dire** research.
- Conferred with officers about report completeness and investigative follow up under ethical disclosure standards.

- Managed competing docket deadlines through accurate case notes and clear communication with courtroom stakeholders.

PROJECTS

Statewide Grand Jury Charging Initiative 📅 2025

Supported complex statewide grand jury investigations through evidence analysis, charging evaluation, indictments, subpoenas, warrants, and related pleadings. Coordinated legal strategy across investigators and prosecutors while addressing multi jurisdictional facts.

Opioid and Money Laundering Prosecutions 📅 2024

Developed litigation plans for narcotics trafficking and money laundering matters, combining financial records, witness testimony, forensic evidence, and procedural research for persuasive hearings and trial preparation.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Senior felony prosecutor entrusted with complex violent crime, fraud, narcotics, and money laundering matters.
- Recognized within prosecution teams for mentoring newer attorneys in motion writing, case preparation, and courtroom advocacy.
- Selected for direct consultation with detectives and partner agencies on sensitive multi jurisdictional investigations.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor2018

University of Denver Sturm College of Law GPA: 0Denver, CO

Coursework: Criminal procedure, evidence, trial advocacy, legal research and writing

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science2015

Colorado State University GPA: 0Fort Collins, CO

Coursework: American government, constitutional law, public policy, legal institutions

CERTIFICATIONS

- Colorado Bar, Active and in Good Standing 📅 2018
- Continuing Legal Education in Criminal Litigation and Ethics 📅 2026

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Criminal Litigation:** Felony prosecution, motions practice, post trial litigation
- **Grand Jury Practice:** Statewide grand juries, indictments, charging decisions
- **Evidence Law:** Evidence analysis, evidence collection, identification procedures
- **Constitutional Procedure:** Arrest, search and seizure, warrants
- **Trial Advocacy:** Voir dire, jury trials, jury instructions
- **Legal Writing:** Legal research, written advocacy, pleadings
- **Discovery Practice:** Criminal discovery, disclosure obligations, evidentiary review
- **Investigation Support:** Homicide investigations, trafficking investigations, fraud investigations
- **Financial Crimes:** Economic crimes, tax fraud, money laundering
- **Narcotics Enforcement:** Narcotics trafficking, opioid cases, controlled substances
- **Interagency Coordination:** Law enforcement consultation, local prosecutors, multi jurisdictional investigations

SKILLS

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| • Felony Prosecution | • Legal Research and Writing | • Evidence Analysis | • Jury Instructions |
| • Special Prosecutions | • Motions Practice | • Charging Decisions | • Post Trial Litigation |
| • Grand Jury Practice | • Discovery | • Voir Dire | • Homicide Matters |
| • Criminal Procedure | • Search and Seizure | • Jury Trials | |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Colorado Bar Association, Criminal Law Section participant and continuing legal education member.
- Colorado District Attorneys' Council, professional network supporting prosecution practice and statewide collaboration.

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Intermediate)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST