

CHRISTOPHER R. COOK

BAR ADMISSION & EDUCATION

IDAHO STATE BAR – Active Member 2015
COLORADO STATE BAR – Active Member 2011

J.D. – Cum Laude – DEPAUL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW ~ Chicago, IL 2010

- Academic Excellence Award (top student): Legal Writing, Real Estate Transactions
- International Study: Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Research assistant to Prof. Mark Webber on ADA, immigration, and Title VII matters for national publication

B.S.B.A. – UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER, LEEDS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ~ Boulder, CO 2007

Major: Finance | Area of Emphasis: International Business

- Dean's List – 8 Semesters | International Honors Business Society | CU Wild – Environmental Org.
- International Study: Florence, Italy

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

CHRISTOPHER R. COOK, PLLC ~ Boise, ID 2015-Present
Managing Attorney / Owner

- Provide litigation and legal consulting services primarily in the areas of family and domestic relations law.
- Civil litigation, including collections, landlord/tenant disputes, and lemon law matters.
- Estate/family planning, including POAs, wills, family LLCs, transfers of property, and international signatory matters.
- Small business law, including incorporations, compliance audits, employment practice review, and contract drafting.
- Author representation involving intellectual property protection and publishing contract negotiation.

FOURTH STREET LAW, LLC ~ Castle Rock, CO 2014-2015
Attorney

- Provided comprehensive legal services in the areas of family and domestic relations law.
 - Litigated all phases of practice, including pre and post trial motions. Independently managed active caseload.
 - Negotiated settlement through alternative dispute resolution and the drafting of settlement agreements / stipulations.
 - Conducted initial case evaluations and consultations to understand client needs, dispel barriers, and establish rapport.
 - Prepared and ensured enforceability of marital agreements and contracts under existing law. Drafted opinion letters.
 - Litigated numerous contempt actions and protection/restraining orders.
- Appellate practice (civil), primarily in domestic relations area. Drafted responsive briefs and prepared oral arguments.
- Real Estate & Estate planning.
 - Prepared and reviewed deeds for transfer of real property. Analyzed property descriptions and ALTA surveys to ensure proper division of real property and preservation of associated rights and easements.
 - Drafted living wills (advanced medical directives), powers of attorney (medical and financial), basic wills, and trusts.
- Appeared at criminal bond and first appearance hearings. Researched criminal law topics to prepare legal defenses and motions as well as consult with managing partner on trial strategy and witness examination.
- Improved case management protocols by creating and implementing the use of engagement letters, initial informational materials, conflict logs, and client questionnaires. Transitioned Firm to digital environment and case management system.
- Presented monthly legal education seminars to audiences of up to 15 members of the public.
- Managed the Firm and support staff for 2-3 week periods of time during partner's absence.

MARTIN D. BROWN, PLLC ~ Littleton, CO 2011-2014
Attorney

- Provided comprehensive legal services in the areas of family and domestic relations law.
- Litigated all phases of practice and successfully resolved cases involving assets valued in the millions of dollars.
- Appellate practice.
 - Prevailed on appeal involving questions of law and fact related to calculation of income and child support.
 - Drafted notices of appeal, designations of record, and opening, answer, and reply briefs.
 - Comprehensive experience with complex legal research as well as case and statutory analysis.
- Utilized financial and business background.
 - Assisted with office administration and the selection and management of support staff.
 - Streamlined office systems and efficiency by implementing new case management software and filing procedures.
 - Developed asset division schedules and financial models using Excel for trial applications and litigation strategy.

KILMER LANE & NEWMAN, LLP ~ Denver, CO 2011
Attorney Intern
• Drafted pleadings for state and federal employment, retaliation, and discrimination matters, including EEOC and CCRD.
• Composed discovery requests and prepared initial disclosures, wage demand notices, and client representation letters.

DEPAUL LAW MISDEMEANOR LEGAL CLINIC ~ Chicago, IL 2010
711-Licensed Student Attorney
• Represented indigent clients through all aspects of trial, returning two not guilty verdicts on all counts, including criminal trespass, assault, assaulting a police officer, and resisting arrest.

CENTER FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION ~ Chicago, IL 2009-2010
Certified Mediator
• Court approved 40+ hour mediation skills training program. Achieved mediation success rate of ~85%.
• Mediated disputes, including small claims, tenant/landlord, and other civil litigation matters.
• Maintained neutrality and confidentiality in high conflict matters involving complex and sensitive information.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER ~ Boulder, CO 2006-2007
Teaching Assistant (Statistics)
• Taught business statistics concepts to 35+ undergraduate students during weekly recitation sessions.
• Held weekly office hours; graded assignments, tests, and research papers; implemented lesson plans.

H.C. ENGILAB ~ Florence, Italy 2006
Project Assistant, Translator
• Assisted in the organization and planning of business conferences for European engineers and hospitals.
• Translated informational documents and business materials from Italian to English.

WOOD RIVER CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC ~ Ketchum, ID 2004
Equity Research Associate
• Conducted daily analysis and market research on exchange-traded funds, stocks, bonds, and companies.
• Drafted research summaries and presented findings to fund manager for use in portfolio and client administration.

PRO BONO & VOLUNTEERING

IDAHO VOLUNTEER LAWYERS ~ Boise, ID
• Estate planning, elder law and family law clinics.

METRO VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FAMILY LAW PROGRAM ~ Denver, CO
• *Pro-bono* representation of clients with dissolution of marriage and related family law matters.

“DO YOUR OWN DISSOLUTION” CLINIC ~ Denver, CO
• Presented monthly self-help seminars to members of the public on family and domestic relations law.

METROPOLITAN TENANT RIGHTS ORGANIZATION ~ Chicago, IL
• Aided callers in solving tenant/landlord matters, including evictions, habitability, and security deposit disputes.

PUBLICATIONS

Christopher Cook and Morgan McBaisey, "Campus Invasion: Security Breaches and their Trends in Universities Across the U.S.," pp. 2-11, published in *Convenient or Invasive: The Information Age* (Ethica Publishing, 2007).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS | TECHNICAL SKILLS | ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Licenses: Idaho Real Estate Salesperson (Inactive – 2016)

Certifications: Notary Public (CO, ID) | Wilderness First Responder | Mediator

Technical Skills:

- Proficient with Microsoft Office, including Excel, Word, and PowerPoint
- Experience with financial modeling, data management, charts, and presentations

Language Skills: Italian – Professionally Conversant | Spanish – Conversant

Bar Associations: American Bar Association | Idaho Bar Association | Colorado Bar Association

Dual Citizenship: United States and European Union (Italy)

Awards: Avvo.com – Clients’ Choice Award (2013, 2014) | Judicial Certificate of Achievement – pro-bono representation