LEX WILSCHKE

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EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

Colorado College	University of Denver	Colorado State University	University of Colorado
B.A., May, 2002	J.D., December, 2004	M.B.A., May, 2016	M.S., December, 2020

Licensed to Practice Law in Arizona, Colorado, North Carolina, Washington, and Wyoming

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Leventhal Puga Braley P.C., Partner

Denver, CO, June 2015 to Present Litigation Attorney specializing in medical malpractice and catastrophic personal injury cases.

- Represented Plaintiffs in Federal and State Courts throughout the United States in complex civil litigation involving medical negligence, birth injuries, and catastrophic personal injury cases.
- Conducted all phases of client representation including intake, trial, appeals, and legislative testimony.
- Lead Counsel representing individual Plaintiffs against physicians, hospitals, and medical practice groups.
- Lead Counsel representing a large group of Plaintiffs intentionally misdiagnosed with multiple sclerosis. .
- Managed litigation team in day-to-day activities on cases.
- Responsible for hiring, managing, and training of student law clerks.

Appellate Advocacy: Ferrer v. Okbamicael, 390 P.3d 836 (Colo. 2017) C.R.S. 13-21-111.5 (2020), Brown v. Long Romero, 495 P.3d 955, (Colo. 2021), Amicus Terra Mgmt. Grp., LLC v. Keaten, No. 23SC272, 2023 WL 8039214.

University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, Adjunct Professor

Adjunct Professor in Lawyering Process and Graduate Program

Taught first year law students and internationally trained lawyers legal research, writing, oral advocacy, and professionalism.

CBS Television Studios, Inc., The Code, Season One, Technical Advisor

Military Law Advisor to in-production prime time television show that premiered in the fall 2018.

Reviewed scripts for accuracy for legal drama about Marine Judge Advocates.

Messner Reeves LLP, Associate Attorney

Litigation Attorney specializing in civil litigation representing Plaintiffs and Defendants.

- Represented insurance defense clients in personal injury, general and excess liability claims, through all stages of litigation from intake to trial.
- Manage commercial general liability claims and local counsel for national restaurant chain.
- Achieved complete defense verdict in an employment discrimination suit in the Northern District of Illinois.
- Represented Plaintiffs in suits under Construction Trust Fund Act and in real estate non-disclosure cases.
- Represented clients in criminal courts throughout Denver metropolitan area.

Eric M. Kopka and Associates, Defense Attorney

Criminal Defense Attorney representing service members worldwide in Courts Martial process.

- 4 trials to verdict for clients charged with rape, sexual assault and narcotics possession.
- Represented service members, during various administrative appeals to the military branches and the Veterans Administration, relating to discharges, disability benefits and record corrections.
- Successful petition upgrading discharge to allow for full VA benefit eligibility.

United States Marine Corps, Military Criminal Attorney CA, NC, DC, Iraq, November 2005 August 2014 Senior Prosecutor responsible for 17 prosecuting attorneys and 12 military and civilian support staff.

- Developed training for junior attorneys including trial strategy, use of expert witnesses, and voir dire.
- Provided training to all Marine Corps prosecutors on sentencing advocacy and cross examination.

Denver, CO August 2023 to Present

Denver, CO, January 2014 to June 2015

Jacksonville, NC, August 2012 to Dec 2013

June 2018 to May 2019

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- 12 trials to verdict, over 200 contested sentencing hearings.
- Conducted appellate hearings on remand to defend ineffective assistance of counsel claims.
 Defense Attorney representing over 300 service members in criminal and administrative proceedings.
- Supervisory Defense Attorney responsible for the military counsel in the National Capital Region.
- Worked to establish separate Defense Services Organization.
- 9 trials to verdict for serious felonies; 2 post confession full acquittals at courts-martial.
- Conducted aggressive pretrial practice resulting in dismissals based on 4th Amendment and other issues.
- Provided training and instruction to the entire Marine Corps Defense Bar on cross examination of expert witnesses and law enforcement personnel.

United States Marine Corps, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate Al Anbar Province, Iraq, Jan 2008 to Feb 2009 Served as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for a Commanding General, providing round the clock legal advice in all areas, including law of armed conflict, fiscal, employment, criminal, and administrative law.

- Magistrate for detainees at the Multi-National Forces Review Committee, Camp Bucca, Iraq.
- Sole Legal Advisor to Detainee Holding Facility, Camp Taqaddum, Iraq.
- Trained Marines on Law of War and Rules of Engagement.
- Attorney/advisor on litigation reports made in anticipation of tort suits against the U.S. Government.
- Adjudicated claims made against the U.S. Government by Iraqi Citizens.

Inspector General of the Marine Corps, Investigator

Washington D.C., May to Nov 2005

Investigated fraud waste and abuse complaints.

Briefed the General Counsel of the Navy on waste in the Department's records management program.

Judicial Extern, Colorado District Court Division 16, El Paso County Colorado Springs, CO, Summer 2003 Researched and provided draft ruling on motions, proposed jury instructions and prisoner direct appeals.

• Developed comprehensive duty book for on-call judges, outlining all applicable substantive and procedural criminal statutes as well as pertinent case law.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Jury Duty: The View From The Box, CTLA Annual Convention, Vail, CO
- University of Colorado Small Firms Discussion Panel member, Boulder, CO
- Electronic Medical Record Use for Trial, AAJ Annual Convention, Denver, CO
- University of Wyoming Summer Trial Institute Lecturer, Laramie, WY
- The Invisible War Documentary Discussion Panel Guest, University of Colorado, Denver, Denver, CO

SELECTED AWARDS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Super Lawyers 2024
- Best Lawyers 2024
- Skyline Soccer Association, Board of Directors member, Past President
- University of Denver College of Law Externship Programs, Private Sector Supervisor of the Year, 2019-2020
- Colorado Attorney Mentoring Program, Attorney Mentor, 2020
- Liniger Honor, Service, and Commitment Scholarship winner, 2015
- Three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, for achievement and meritorious service
- Colorado College Christopher Johnston Prize for Fellowship and Service, Winner
- Member: Colorado Trial Lawyers Association, American Association for Justice, Arizona Association for Justice, North Carolina Advocates for Justice, Wyoming Trial Lawyers Association, Attorneys Information Exchange Group, Arizona, Colorado, North Carolina, and Wyoming Bar Associations, Denver Bar Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Beta Gamma Sigma.