

SARA S. HILDEBRAND

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, May 2012 Denver, CO
Admitted to Colorado Bar on October 29, 2012

Student Attorney, University of Denver Criminal Defense Clinic (2011-2012)

Editor, DU Law Review (2010-11) • Senior Editor, DU Law Review (2011-12)

Co-President, DU OutLaws (2011-12)

Student Board Member, Colorado LGBT Bar Association (2011-12)

Creighton University, College of Business Administration Omaha, NE
B.S.B.A. with major in Management Information Systems, May 2004

Student-Athlete, Creighton University Women's Basketball Team (2000-04) • Co-Captain, 2004 W.N.I.T. Champ. Team

EXPERIENCE

COLORADO STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER Centennial, CO
Senior Deputy Public Defender April 2017 - Present

- Advocate orally and in writing for clients who are charged with at least one felony offense in Arapahoe County District Court, from filing of charges through resolution of the case, and in some cases through resolution of post-conviction issues.
- Seek community resources for clients in order to support their short and long-term, post-case success.
- Identify potential appellate issues during each phase of litigation and establish a record in relation to those issues with an eye towards improving chance of success on appeal.
- Mentor and train new attorneys and interns to engage in our office's high standard of practice in client-centered advocacy.

COLORADO STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER Durango, CO
Deputy Public Defender, Senior Deputy Public Defender January 2013 – April 2017

- Advocated and sought resources as a trial attorney for adult and juvenile clients charged with all classes of misdemeanor and felony offenses in La Plata, Montezuma and Dolores County and District Courts, from filing of charges through resolution of the case.

- In County Court, litigated post-conviction issues such as restitution and appeals from County Court to District Court, Rule 21 petitions and Rule 106 appeals. In District Court, identified potential appellate issues during each phase of litigation and established a record in relation to those issues with an eye towards improving chance of success on appeal.
- Advocated for consideration of issues faced by many Public Defender clients as our office's representative on the La Plata County Behavioral Health Court and Drug Court Boards.

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KILLMER, LANE AND NEWMAN, LLP

Law Clerk

Denver, CO

January 2012 – April 2012

- Completed research and writing project for Partner David Lane on scope of admissible evidence allowed in prosecution's rebuttal case to a defendant's case in mitigation in penalty phase of Colorado death penalty trial.
- Completed amended EEOC charge and wrote representation letter to opposing counsel for new client.
- Completed research and writing project for Partner Mari Newman on scope of mandatory discovery in race discrimination case brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

A.C.L.U. OF COLORADO

Denver, CO *Legal Intern*

May 2011 – August 2011

- Wrote several memoranda, including one regarding the likelihood of success of a retaliation claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, considering the impact of Colorado Governmental Immunity Act.
- Interviewed potential plaintiffs in prisoners' rights suit at Colorado Department of Corrections administrative segregation facilities.

University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Research Assistant to Catherine Smith, Assoc. Dean of Inst. Diversity and Inclusiveness

Denver, CO *and to Susannah Pollvogt, Lecturer*

June 2010 – December 2012

- Conducted legal research and assisted with editing and footnotes for Catherine E. Smith's article, *Equal Protection for Children of Same Sex Parents*, 90 WASH. U. L. REV. 1589 (2015).
- Conducted legal research and edited portions of Brief of Amici Curiae Scholars of the Constitutional Rights of Children in Support of Petitioners, filed in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 135 S. Ct. 2071 (2015), published in *Whittier Journal of Child and Family Advocacy*, 14 WHITTIER J. CHILD & FAM. ADVOC. 7 (Spring 2015).
- Assisted with research and editing in support of Susannah Pollvogt's series of articles: *Unconstitutional Animus*, 81 FORDHAM L. REV. 887 (November 2012), *Windsor, Animus and the Future of Marriage Equality*, 113 COLUM. L. REV. SIDEBAR 204 (November 20, 2013) and *Beyond Suspect Classifications*, 16 U. PA. J. CONST. L. 739 (February 2014).
- Collaborated with student liaisons to plan and coordinate the visit of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor at University.

