

# AB CONFLICT RESOLUTION SERVICES



Lynne Weitzel brings compassion, experience and common sense to what can often be a difficult time for both parties in a divorce or custody action. She has litigated and settled too many divorce and parenting cases to count. After seeing numerous cases settled in mediation, or those which should have been resolved, Lynne decided to open her practice to mediation to help families come together during this difficult time. Her extensive attorney experience helps families find a practical middle ground to avoid the costly road of litigation.

## **LYNNE A. WEITZEL, ESQ.**

Lynne has been litigating family and divorce law for more than 20 years in the state of Colorado. The early years of Lynne's legal career began with her association and subsequent rise to Special Counsel at Hall & Evans, L.L.C. Following a move to another large firm, Lynne eventually decided to open her own firm in 2004 so she could be closer to her family.

In her mediation practice, Lynne includes both collaboration and evaluation processes to help clients and attorneys reach an amicable settlement. With, her extensive experience in helping Colorado families address their family law issues, Lynne easily guides parties through the mediation process in a peaceful, resolution focused manner. Clients have described her as extremely knowledgeable, passionate, and an astute professional.

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

Lynne has completed approximately 60 hours of ADR training through Mares-Dixon & Associates and various continuing legal education seminars with the Colorado Bar Association. She also sat on the Ethics Committee for the Colorado Bar Association for approximately seven years. Lynne has been a member of the Family Law Section since beginning her career in family law. Other associations have included the Arapahoe and Douglas County Bar Associations, as well as sitting as a Board Member of the Metropolitan Denver Interdisciplinary Committee.

## **FOCUS AREA**

### **Domestic Relations/Family Law**

Lynne believes most issues in divorce and custody matters can be settled via discussion and compromise between the parties. Parties often need a neutral third party, however, to help them navigate the system, fashion a parenting plan, or reach a compromise on the division of property. Moving toward a resolution of issues, rather than spending thousands of dollars litigating matters, helps the parties save both time and energy. Lynne can be instrumental in formulating new ideas or resolutions to what may seem an impossible juncture. When an agreement is reached, parties usually feel more satisfied and grateful to have resolved issues on their own, rather than having a stranger make the decision for them.

Lynne has dealt extensively in the areas of:

- Attorney Fees
- Child custody
- Child support
- Debt division
- Decision Making
- Declaration of Invalidity
- Divorce
- Grandparents rights
- Legal Separation
- Maintenance/Alimony
- Marital agreement
- Modification of parenting time
- Modification of decision-making
- Modification of child support
- Parental Responsibilities
- Parenting time
- Post-decree modification
- Prenuptial agreement
- Postnuptial agreement
- Property division

### **PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

Tulane Law School, J.D., 1994; Environmental Specialty Degree  
University of California at Los Angeles, 1990; Major: Political Science

- University of Pittsburgh, Semester at Sea, 1989
- Boston University, 1985 – 1987
- Approximately 60 hours of ADR training through Mares-Dixon & Associates and various continuing legal education classes

### **BAR ADMISSIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (past and present)**

- Colorado Bar Association since 1994
- Member of the Mediation Association of Colorado
- Member of Mediate.com
- Member of Mediation.com
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado
- United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- Ethics Committee of the Colorado Bar Association, 2009 - 2015
- Better Business Bureau
- American Bar Association
- Arapahoe, Douglas, and Jefferson County Bar Associations
- Metropolitan Denver Interdisciplinary Committee, 2004 Board Member

### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Colorado Defense Lawyers 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar, “Insurers’ Rights in First Party Claims” (1995)
- Lorman Education seminar, Colorado Law for Social Workers, Counselors and Other Helping Professional, “Privilege as it Relates to Domestic Relations” (2000)
- Paralegals in Family Law Practice, Institute for Paralegal Education (2000 and 2001)

### **RATES**

- \$220 per hour