

Leigh Meigs

Durango, Colorado

EDUCATION

University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work
Four Corners MSW Degree Program, Durango, Colorado **Masters Degree in Social Work - 2010**

University of Denver School of Law, Denver, Colorado **Juris Doctor - 1985**

University of Texas, Austin, Texas **Bachelor of Arts - 1981**

LICENSURE

LSW pending (registered as Colorado Unlicensed Psychotherapist)
Licensed to practice law in Colorado, continuously in good standing since 1986

CURRENT EXPERIENCE

Guardian ad Litem, Durango, Colorado **2011**

Under contract with the Colorado Office of the Child's Representative, I provide legal representation and advocacy for the the best interests of children in Dependency and Neglect matters and Juvenile Delinquency matters in the 6th Judicial District.

Private Psychotherapy Practice, Durango, Colorado **2011**

Co-facilitating Sexual Abuse Survivors support groups for Sexual Assault Services Organization (SASO) and offering individual therapy for adults. Under clinical supervision of LCSW.

Magistrate, 22nd Judicial District, Cortez, Colorado **2010-2011**

As a member of the Drug Court team and as a District Court Magistrate, my work is to participate and contribute to efforts to meet the best interests of juveniles in the court system through motivational interviewing strategies, use of sanctions and incentives, and team implementation of treatment programs using community resources (juvenile delinquency docket). In addition, I preside over various civil matters, including civil protection orders, small claims, and landlord-tenant issues.

PAST EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Faculty, New Mexico Highlands University, MSW Program, Farmington, New Mexico **2011**

Graduate level course, Law and Ethics in Social Work, Spring Semester 2011

Intern, Fort Lewis College Counseling Center, Durango, Colorado **2008-2010**

Completed Masters Internship Training program, over the course of two academic years, working with diverse student population performing intakes and individual counseling, behavioral assessments, crisis assessments, and group co-facilitation (including 10-week DBT group).

City Councilor/Mayor, City of Durango, Durango, Colorado **2007-2010**

As an elected official, I worked to institute first affordable housing policy in Durango, increased sustainable public transportation and development policies, focused on public recreation available to all, and fostered civil working relationships among diverse stakeholders. Served as Mayor '09-'10.

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Other Employment in Legal Field, Durango, Ignacio, and Towaoc, Colorado	1986-2007
Legal Research Attorney, 6th Judicial District, Durango, Colorado	2004-2007
Magistrate, La Plata County Court, Durango, Colorado	1995-2001
Ethics Investigator, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, Colorado (contract work, part-time)	1998-2003
Chief Magistrate, Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe, Towaoc, Colorado (interim appointment)	1997-1998
Attorney, Division of Social Services, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, Colorado	2003-2004
Attorney, Crane, Leake, Casey & Ehlers, Durango, Colorado	1989-1992
Deputy District Attorney, 6th Judicial District Office of District Attorney, Durango, Colorado	1986-1989

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Second Wind Fund (preventing teen suicide)(Vice President, Board of Directors)	2011
Durango Library Advisory Board (Liaison)	2009-2010
Natural Lands Advisory Board (Liaison)	2007-2010
Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (Liaison)	2007-2010
Council on Sexual Violence Prevention (Member)	2008
Advocating Choice in Education (ACE) (Board of Directors)	2002-2007
La Plata Family Centers Coalition (President, Board of Directors)	1997-1998
San Juan Kids (children with disabilities related) (Board of Directors)	1999-2005
Cadence Therapeutic Riding (side-walker, horse leader)	2004-2005
Swingtime (children with disabilities related) (co-founder, organizer, leader)	2001-2004
Alternative Horizons (domestic violence related) (trainer)	1996-2000