

## Patricia L. Martin Bio

Patricia Martin is a proud third generation Coloradan, born in Denver with roots in the Western Slope. Patricia was attending Denver East High School when her family moved to Northern California. She graduated from the University of California Davis, with a degree in East Asian Studies and obtained a Master's from University of California, Berkeley, in Asian Studies. After working for an Asian development Agency in San Francisco, Patricia moved to Dallas with her husband where she served with a major oil company as a Public Affairs Advisor to the chairman of the company, and worked on the company's philanthropic efforts. After living abroad for 6 years in Malaysia and Thailand, she moved to Tulsa, where she attended the University of Tulsa Law School and graduated in the top 5% of her class. She was named the outstanding student in 2000 and was recognized by the Oklahoma Bar for this honor, among other awards. After graduating law school, she worked for a large law firm concentrating on Health Law. From there, Patricia took a position at a large hospital system as a contract manager and advisor to the hospital administration. When the hospital system was bought by a for-profit system in Nashville, Patricia was at long last able to move back to Colorado.

Patricia and her family settled in Colorado Springs in 2004 and she practiced in the area of Family and Probate Law, almost exclusively as a neutral GAL, Child's Legal Representative and Parenting Coordinator/Decision maker. She became a contract mediator with the Office of Dispute Resolution 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial in 2010, and has been doing Dependency and Neglect (D&N), Domestic Relations and Probate mediations since that time, mediating well over 10,000 cases as well as serving as a CLR, GAL and PCDM. She is the primary mediator for D&N cases in El Paso County and her practice includes private mediation and arbitration. She moved to Littleton Colorado in 2019, and still maintains a full time practice in El Paso County and south Denver area. She volunteers at History Colorado as a tour guide at the Colorado Center for Women's History at the Byers-Evans House, at the Legal Clinic at Life Center in Littleton and is on the ALIGHT app for legal assistance to victims of human trafficking. She can be found at Rockies and Broncos games on a regular basis or on the tennis court.

Patricia received the Lohman Award from the El Paso County Bar Association in 2023, and has been named a top mediator by Colorado Springs Magazine multiple times.