

# MICHAEL K TRAVERS JR MA, JD

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**Curriculum Vitae**  
**(REFERENCES AT END)**

## ACADEMIC EDUCATION:

**VERMONT LAW SCHOOL**, South Royalton, Vermont  
*JURIS DOCTOR, magna cum laude*, 1993.

### **VERMONT LAW REVIEW**

**Vermont Law School Scholar Award**, May 1992.

**Award for Academic Excellence**: Commercial Transactions - Fall 1991.

**Mediation \* Arbitration Center, The University of Denver**, Semester Clinic.  
Treasurer, Environmental Law Society

**NORWICH UNIVERSITY**, Montpelier, Vermont  
*MASTER OF ARTS, Counseling Psychology*, 1986.

Thesis: "Living, Moving, Learning."

Annual Vermont College of Norwich University Graduate Program Symposium, 1985.

"Creative Uses of Conflict: Personal, Interpersonal and International."

Participated in half-day workshop "**Introduction to Mediation.**"

**Presenter**, half-day workshop on Halprin Life/Art Process applications to personal and interpersonal conflict.

**DARTMOUTH COLLEGE**, Hanover, New Hampshire  
*BACHELOR OF ARTS, Philosophy* (mod.), 1983.

**Philosophy Department Honor: Distinction.**

Language Study Abroad: Mainz, Germany, Fall 1980.

Outward Bound Living/Learning Program, Fall 1979.

Tucker Foundation Internship, Jersey City, NJ

Jersey City Juvenile Diversion Project, Fall 1982.

**School Tutor, Teacher's Assistant, Substitute**

Jersey City Joint Activities, Jersey City, NJ 1982-1983.

**Counselor and Facilitator** for Desegregation Program  
(Residential Immersions for School Children)

\* **Formal Mediation & Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Trainings and Studies** include, without limitation, programs at

**The University of Denver College of Law Mediation \* Arbitration Center** (semester clinic, including extensive introductory training of ~60 hours, plus full semester of academic study and clinical work mediating at the Center and the Denver County Courts, August to December 1992).

**The Center for Understanding in Conflict, f/k/a The Center for Mediation in Law**, New York, NY & Mill Valley, CA: Two 40-Hour Mediation Trainings, one on commercial mediation, 1995, one on family mediation, 1996; one advanced 5-day intensive training on commercial mediation, 1997; two 7-day intensives (2018 & 2020) on self-reflection for conflict professionals, plus supplemental short continuing education programs.

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**The Center for Nonviolent Communication** - Marshall D. Rosenberg, Ph.D. (3-day mediation training, 2003); Monthly Practice Group with trainers and practitioners, 2003 to present.

**The Center for Contemplative Mind in Society** – Contemplative Law & Mediation Retreat (4 days, 2002).

**Master Class in Mediation and Collaborative Law Practice** – Pauline Tessler, Esq., and Forrest (Woody) Mosten, Esq. (Three-Day Training Intensive, June 23-25, 2011).

**Vermont Law School** (multiple lectures and practice sessions, 1990 & 1991).

**Early Neutral Evaluation/Assessment Training (The Minnesota Model)** – Denver, CO (3 days, July 2008)

**Linda Solomon’s Trainings for Collaborative Law Divorce Neutral Facilitation/Mediation**  
Lone Tree, CO (3 days, September 2013)  
Golden, CO (3 days, February 2014)  
Golden, CO (2 days, June 2017)

## WORK:

### **THE LAW & MEDIATION SERVICES OF MICHAEL TRAVERS**

Boulder / Denver Metropolitan Areas (1998 - Present), Bergen County, NJ (1999-2003).

#### **Mediator & Counselor at Law**

**General Practice in Mediation and Collaborative Law - Family, Civil and Probate.**

Services include Med/Arb; Arbitration; Early Neutral Evaluations & Assessments; Collaborative Law Representation, Collaborative Professional Consulting, Neutral Collaborative Divorce Facilitation; Conflict Management; Statutory Decision-Maker and Parenting Coordinator.

**Total mediations conducted to date: ~2500.**

### **STATE OF COLORADO,**

**OFFICE OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION**, Denver, Colorado, 1997 - Present.

#### **Independent Contract Neutral / Mediator**

District Court Civil, Family, Probate Dockets, JD18: 1997-Present.

JD20 & Beyond: 2012-Present.

### **COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION, DIVISION OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**, Denver, CO 2008 -2012.

#### **Training Coach for Judy Mares Dixon’s Mediation Trainings**

Fall 2008, Winter 2009, Spring 2012.

**JILL PERRY FERNANDEZ, ATTORNEYS AT LAW**, Longmont, CO, 1994 - 1998.  
**Associate Attorney**, General Practice.

**RESOLUTION SERVICES, INC.**, Longmont, Colorado, 1994 - 1998.

#### **Co-Founder, Principal, Director of Mediation Services, Mediator, Arbitrator**

**BOULDER COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED STUDIES**, Boulder, CO  
A Boulder Valley School District “Focus School” (a public elementary school, kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, created under Colorado focus-school statutes) opened August 1996, and continuing to this day.

**Co-Founder, Steering Committee, Co-Author of Proposal**; 1995-1997

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### **UNIVERSITY OF DENVER COLLEGE OF LAW MEDIATION \***

**ARBITRATION CENTER**, Denver, Colorado

**Adjunct Professor**, Mediation Clinic, 1996.

**Assistant Training Coach**, 1993 - 1996.

Clinic Mediator and Arbitrator 1992 - 1996.

**OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**, Westminster, Colorado, 1993-94.

**Intern Attorney**, General Municipal Practice.

**Public Hearing Legal Advisor**, Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

**STUDHOLME & COOKE, P.C.**, Boulder, Colorado, 1991-1993.

**Independent Contract Law Clerk**

**WILDWASSER SPORT USA, INC.**, Boulder, Colorado, 1989.

**Communications**

**MARIN PROGRAMS FOR MENTAL RECOVERY**, Woodacre, California, 1987-88

**Therapist** -- Individual, Group, and Milieu Therapy

**MARIN SUICIDE PREVENTION CENTER**, San Rafael, California, 1987.

Hotline Counselor

**THE TAMALPA INSTITUTE**, Anna Halprin, Ph.D. (Hon.) Director, Kentfield, CA

Trainee, September through December 1984. Apprentice, 1985-1986.

Musical Accompanist 1985-1988. **Teacher/Trainer**, 1987.

**WOMEN'S HEALTH ACTION**, Berkeley, California, 1986

Community Outreach and Fundraising

### **ADR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, COALITIONS, AND PRACTICE GROUPS:**

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLABORATIVE LAW PROFESSIONALS**, Denver, CO

**Charter Member**, 2002-present

Boulder County Practice Group Initiative, 2004-2006.

**NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION PRACTICE GROUP**, Boulder, CO 2003-present.

**Monthly Peer Review**

**THE COLLABORATIVE DIVORCE PROFESSIONALS OF BOULDER COUNTY**

n/k/a **FRONT RANGE COLLABORATIVE DIVORCE**, Boulder, CO

**Co-Founder, Charter Member**, 2006-present.

**BOULDER FAMILY MEDIATION GROUP**, Boulder, CO 2017-Present

**Monthly Peer Review**

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RESTORATIVE PRACTICES COALITION, Boulder County, CO 2016-2017

**Presenter:** "On Collaborative Law" December 1, 2016

Participant: "Connection Circles Training," 3 hours, October 16, 2016

Participant: "Circles of Support and Accountability (COSAs); Theory-driven, Evidence-Based, Empirically Supported," 8 hours, January 18, 2017

MILE-HIGH COLLABORATIVE LAW PROFESSIONALS, Lakewood, CO 2007-2010

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF AURORA MEDIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE,  
Aurora, Colorado, 2001-2010

BOULDER COLLABORATIVE FAMILY LAW PILOT PROJECT TRAININGS,  
2003-2006

**Jointly Developed and Presented** one introductory and two advanced Continuing Legal Education programs on **Collaborative Law**. My presentations: "The Understanding Response," "Contemplative Law," and "Collaborative Tool-Box."

COLORADO CENTER FOR MEDIATION, INC., Boulder, Colorado, 1997 - 1999.

**Mentor, Mediator**

BOULDER COUNTY VORP (Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program), Colorado

**Mediator, Training Coach**, 1994-1998; **Mentor**, 1998

COLORADO LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS, Denver, Colorado, 1996-1998

**Mediator Panel, Lawyer Panel**

### ADDITIONAL ADR PRESENTATIONS:

Guest Presentation: Collaborative Law Roles and Teamwork," w/Terri Harrington, Esq., Deb Johnson, NFP, and Ali Smits, Esq. for Forrest Mosten, Esq.'s "Lawyers as Peacemakers" Class at University of Denver Sturm College of Law, June 11, 2017.

"Collaborative Law: Helping the Parties Understand Each Other." Presented to Denver Metro Collaborative Law Practice Groups on October 11, 2007 (2 hours)

"Mediation" Presented to Colorado University School of Law Student Legal Clinic, December 6, 2007.

### ADR ARTICLES:

Travers, "ADR: Important Options for Municipal Government," 24 *The Colorado Lawyer* (June 1995).

Travers & Fernandez, "Alternative Dispute Resolution: Paving the Way," *Longmont Business Views* 26 (4/95).

Travers & Fernandez, "ADR: An Alternative to What?" *Longmont Business Views*, (November 1994).

Travers & Fernandez, "Resolving Disputes and Getting Back to Business," *Longmont Business Views*, 16 (8/94)

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### ADDITIONAL INTERESTS:

\* **Percussionist**, “**Bateria Alegria**,” Brazilian parade ensemble of the Boulder Samba School, Boulder, Colorado, 2009 - 2017.

\* **Ski-Instructor**, Village Camps International Ski Program, **Saas Fe, Switzerland**, 1984. Instructor, **Schi Schule der Hotelpark der Allgau Stern, Sonthofen, Germany**, 1981. Instructor, Eldora Mountain Resort, Eldora, Colorado, 1990 - 1993. Instructor, Breckenridge, Colorado, 1985; Instructor, Dartmouth Ski School, 1979-80, **Head-Instructor**, 1982-83. **Certified**, Professional Ski Instructors of America, 1983-2001.

\* BOULDER DANCE ALLIANCE, INC., Boulder, Colorado, 1994-1996

**Board of Directors**

\***Produced continuing education programs** for psychologists, artists, and somatic therapists in San Francisco Bay Area, 1986 - 1989. Included 4-7 seminars per year presented by Robert M. Kest, Ph.D., Director, The Center for Organismic Psychology, Boulder, CO.

Licensed to Practice Law in Colorado, New Jersey, and New York

Current Member: American Bar Association; Colorado Bar Association; Boulder Bar Association; Colorado Collaborative Divorce Professionals; International Association of Collaborative Professionals.

### REFERENCES

(Professional colleagues with direct knowledge of my work in mediation cases)

Sara L K Ross, Esq.  
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