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BIOGRAPHY

Sara Van Deusen leads WTO's Office of the General Counsel. As a legal advisor to the firm's lawyers and staff, she focuses on loss prevention for the firm's litigation practice and business operations. Sara leads the firm's ethics and professional responsibility programs and manages compliance. She provides advice on client relationships and various risk management issues related to firm operations. Additionally, she supervises WTO's conflicts team. Prior to joining WTO, Sara represented the Colorado Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel in front of the Attorney Regulation Committee, Presiding Disciplinary Judge, Hearing Boards, and the Colorado Supreme Court. She represented the office in matters involving character and fitness, admissions, disciplinary proceedings, and client protection fund claims. Before joining OARC, Sara was a law firm shareholder who defended lawyers in the disciplinary process and admissions to the practice of law.

EDUCATION

Vermont Law School, J.D., 2005

Gonzaga University, B.A., 2002,
Sociology & Communications

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Colorado Supreme Court, Office
of Attorney Regulation Counsel,
Assistant Regulation Counsel,
Trial Division

Law Clerk to The Honorable
Herbert L. Stern, III, Denver
District Court

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Burns Figa & Will, shareholder
Lambdin & Chaney, associate
McConnell Fleischer
Houghtaling, associate

ADMISSIONS

Colorado

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, "Two Truths and a Lie," University of Denver Mentoring program, (March 12, 2020).
- Presenter, "Overview of Ethical Issues Related to Using Contract Attorneys," Colorado Bar Association, Construction Law Section, (December 12, 2019).
- Presenter, "Exploring Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit and Misrepresentation: A Deep Dive into Model Rule 8.4©," American Bar Association, (September 23, 2019).
- Presenter, "So Your Lawyer Asked you to Lie – How the Change to Rule 8.4(c) Affects Paralegals" Rocky Mountain Paralegal Association's Education Summit, (September 20, 2019).
- Presenter, "COLTAF Accounts 2.0," The Colorado Bar Association, (July 16, 2019).
- Presenter, "Client Communication: What Should You Say and How Should You Say It When It Comes to Conflicts and Mistakes," The Colorado Bar Association's CLE Federal Practice Update, (June 21, 2019).
- Presenter, "COLTAF Accounts," The Colorado Bar Association's CLE Successfully Launching and Running Your Own Practice: The Essential Guide, (August 1, 2018).
- Presenter, "Avoiding Conflicts of Interest," The Colorado Bar Association's CLE The Colorado Lawyer Self-Assessment Program: Promoting a Thriving Law Practice, (July 17, 2018).

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- Presenter, "ETHICS: Using Social Media and the Rules of Professional Conduct Together – Colo. RPC 1.6, 4.1, 4.3, 4.4, and 8.4(c)," The Colorado Bar Association's CLE Federal Practice Update 2018, (June 22, 2018).
- Presenter, "Avoiding Conflicts of Interest," The Colorado Bar Association's CLE PMBP* – What It Is and Why You Should Care, (July 19, 2017).
- Presenter, "Competency, Confidentiality, and Candor: Ensuring Compliance with Colo. RPC 1.1, 1.6, 3.3 and 3.4 in the Age of eDiscovery," The Colorado Bar Association's CLE Federal Practice Update 2017, (June 16, 2017).
- Presenter, "Rule 1.1 and How Computer Skills Affect Attorney Competence," The Colorado Bar Association's CLE Computer Competence for Lawyers, (May 4, 2017).
- Presenter, "What to Do When Your Client Cannot Pay by the Hour — Pluses and Pitfalls of Alternative Billing Arrangements," The Colorado Bar Association's CLE Organizing a Colorado Business 2017, (March 16, 2017).
- Presenter, "Ethics," The Colorado Bar Association's CLE Advising Entrepreneurs, (March 10, 2016).
- Presenter, "Do's and Don'ts to Avoid Ethics Grievances Being Filed Against You," The Colorado Bar Association's CLE Ethics 7.0, (November 20, 2015).

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Playing piano, hiking, and taking road trips
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