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BIOGRAPHY

Amy DeVan oversees operations for the national civil litigation boutique, Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell. The firm's 110 trial lawyers and litigators and 100+ staff serve sophisticated clients in high-stakes and complex disputes in trial and appellate courts nationwide.

A licensed attorney, Amy has spent a significant part of her career advancing ethics in the legal profession. Before joining WTO in 2016, Amy founded and managed Principle Legal Consulting, which proactively helped lawyers and law firms comply with ethical rules and regulatory requirements. Amy conducted law firm audits, helped implement compliance plans, and trained staff. She has served as Executive Director of the Colorado Independent Ethics Commission and as Assistant Regulation Counsel for the Colorado Supreme Court Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel.

Additionally, Amy is the former Chair of the Colorado Bar Association Ethics Committee. She also spent more than eight years practicing in the field of immigration law. A frequent author and speaker, Amy has published numerous articles and regularly presents to local, state, and national organizations on matters of professional responsibility and legal ethics.

EDUCATION

University of Colorado Law School, J.D., 2001

University of Northern Colorado, B.A., 1997, History; Minor in Geography

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk to the United States Department of Justice, Legacy Immigration & Naturalization Service, Washington D.C.

Intern to the United States Department of Justice, United States Attorney's Office, Civil Division

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Principle Legal Consulting, LLC, Founder
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission, Executive Director
Colorado Supreme Court, Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel, Assistant Regulation Counsel
Allott Immigration Law Firm

ADMISSIONS

Colorado

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

- "Tweets, Posts, Snaps, and Chats: Lawyer Ethics and Social Media" presented at the ABA's 48th Annual Spring Conference hosted by the Environment, Energy, and Resources Section (March 29, 2019).
- "The Ethics Committee: Not so Mysterious After All," *Colorado Lawyer* (June 2018).
- "Between a Rock and a Hard Place," *Colorado Lawyer* (April 2018).
- "Ethics Column - Fulfilling Ethical Obligations and Finding Happiness by Giving Back," *The Docket* (June 5, 2017)
- "Ethics Column - Just Take My License," *The Docket* (December 2, 2016).
- "Ethics Column - Use of the Client Trust Account: What Not to Do," *The Docket* (June 30, 2016)
- Co-authored, "Out of Bounds: Boundary Issues in the Practice of Law," *Colorado Lawyer*, December 2014, Vol. 43, No. 12
- Co-authored, "Lawyers Who Lobby: Cautions and Considerations," *The Colorado Lawyer*, April 2016, Vol. 45, No. 4
- "Ethical Considerations in Using Blogs, Lawyer Websites, and Social Media," *The Colorado Lawyer*, January 2012, Vol. 41, No. 1