

Elizabeth Pierce-Durance

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BAR ADMISSION: Colorado (1998-Present)

EDUCATION

University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO Expected Summer 2019

LL.M. in Tax; GPA: 3.7

- Graduate Tax Scholarship Award (based on academic excellence) (2018)
- Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (2017)
- Hover T. Lentz Scholarship Award (merit-based, eight awarded annually) (2016-current)
- Colorado Bar Association Tax Section Scholarship Award (2016-2017)

Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA May 1986

J.D.; GPA: 83.09

- G. Joseph Tauro Scholar (Top 25% of First-Year Class)
- Harold D. Shapiro Prize in International Economic Relations, Northwestern University Law School (3L Visiting Student)
- Study Abroad: University of Notre Dame Law School, London, England campus

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR December 1979

B.A.; GPA: 3.71

- Major: English; Minor: Journalism

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Elizabeth Pierce-Durance, LLC, Avon, CO 2007 – present

Solo Practitioner

- Estate planning and administration services, including creating and funding trusts, drafting wills and powers of attorney, trust and probate administration
- Mediated civil disputes, including family law, landlord-tenant, and breach-of-contract cases
- Litigated family law matters; served as collaborative divorce counsel
- Court-Appointed Counsel in child-welfare cases

Town of Avon, Avon, CO 2007 – present

Special Counsel, Prosecutor

- Prosecute civil and criminal violations of Municipal Code
- Assist with business licensing and tax enforcement
- Assist with open records and liquor licensing requests

John W. Dunn and Associates, LLC, Avon, CO 2003 – 2007

Associate, General Practice Law Firm

- Assisted Avon Town Attorney with legal matters
- Advised Avon Planning and Zoning Commission
- Prosecuted civil and criminal violations of Municipal Code
- Assisted with cases involving land use, zoning, wills, deeds, and family law issues

New Zealand Treasury, Wellington, New Zealand 1997 – 1998

Policy Analyst

- Researched economic issues affecting social welfare policy

New Zealand Bankers' Association, Auckland, New Zealand 1995 – 1997

Policy Analyst

- Analyzed issues of regulatory compliance
- Developed policy recommendations and published policy commentary for Association

New Zealand Center for Independent Studies, Auckland, New Zealand 1990 – 1992

General Manager

- Managed free-market public policy and economic think tank
- Oversaw journal publication and public events

- Economic Journalist, Foreign Correspondent* 1987 – 1990
- **National Business Review**, Auckland, New Zealand
 - **South China Morning Post**, Hong Kong
 - **Asian Finance**, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
 - **Money Management**, Sydney, Australia
 - **Far Eastern Economic Review**, Hong Kong
- Michigan City News-Dispatch**, Michigan City, IN 1986 – 1987
Business Editor and Reporter
- Reported and edited print on steel mills, businesses, and banks
- U.S. Congress**, Washington, D.C. 1981 – 1982
Legislative Assistant, Congressman James Coyne, Pennsylvania
- Arkansas-Washington Liaison Office**, Washington, D.C. 1980 – 1981
Intern, Governor Bill Clinton

ADDITIONAL

Professional Memberships:

- Colorado Bar Association – Trust and Estate Section, Civic and Community Affairs Committee; Elder Law Section; Tax Section
- Continental Bar Association

Service Organizations:

- 5th Judicial District – Court-Appointed Counsel
- Bright Future Foundation, Eagle County – Buddy Mentor Program

Interests:

- Cooking (especially Asian food); movies (thrillers); continuing education; government/politics
- Travel – 15 countries and 22 U.S. states; lived, worked, and/or studied in four foreign countries