



# STEPHEN A. BRUNETTE

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Licensed to practice law in the State of Colorado (No. 26387)  
and the United States District Court for the District of Colorado.

## Summary

Stephen Brunette, a lawyer with a 40-year career, specializes in legal research and analysis of complex legal issues. He gained early experience at a major legal publisher, and then sharpened his skills by focusing on estate, probate, civil litigation, and appeals in Colorado's state and federal courts. While his current focus is on estate and probate mediation, he also offers contract services for detailed legal research and analysis in civil litigation and appeals.

## Education

University of Nebraska – Lincoln  
M.A. Psychology (1986)  
J.D. (1980)

Certificate in Public Policy Analysis  
and Program Evaluation (1980)

University of Colorado – Boulder  
B.A., Cum Laude Psychology (1973)

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## Professional Experience

**Attorney & Counselor at Law** *1997–present*  
Colorado Springs, CO

**Brunette Law Office, LLC** *(2014–present)*  
Practice emphasizing estate, probate and general civil litigation and appeals in state and federal courts.

**Drexler Law Group, LLC (of counsel)** *(2018–24)*  
Appeals, estate and probate administration and litigation.

**Gasper Law Group, PLLC** *(2010–14)*  
Associate attorney, focusing on appeals, consumer protection, real estate, probate, bank litigation in state and federal courts.

**Brunette Law Office** *(2003–10)*  
General practice emphasizing appeals, real estate, probate and bank litigation. Pro bono service on national boards and panels in legal publishing and forensic sciences.

**Tegtmeier, Frank & Jones (of counsel)** *(2000–03)*  
Litigation support and appeals in civil and criminal matters.

**Tegtmeier Law Firm (of counsel)** *(1997–2000)*  
Litigation support and appeals in civil and criminal matters.

**Senior Editor** *1986–96*

**Shepard's/McGraw Hill**  
Colorado Springs, CO

Legal editor, in-house author, sponsoring editor of litigation and trial practice publications; publishing emphasis on use of expert and scientific evidence in civil and criminal litigation.

**Attorney & Counselor at Law** *1981–86*

**Young & White** *(1985–86)*  
Omaha, NE

Associate attorney, focusing on commercial and construction litigation in various state and federal courts.

**Stephen A. Brunette, Esq.** *(1981–85)*  
Lincoln, NE

General civil practice, primarily representing plaintiffs in personal injury litigation.

# Professional Training

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Online Probate & Elder Mediation, American College of Trust & Estate Counsel (ACTEC) and Mediate.com – 10 hour training emphasizing strengths & weakness of using online services & resources (e.g., Zoom) in probate and estate mediations. (2024)

Mediation Primer: Growing Your Probate & Elder Mediation Practice, American College of Trust & Estate Counsel (ACTEC) and Mediate.com – 10 hour training emphasizing issues unique to probate and estate mediations. (2024)

Fundamentals of Mediation – 40 hour training for Basic Certification as Mediator, Anne Michelle McKenna, McKenna, Inc. (2011)

Construction Industry Arbitrator Training, American Arbitration Association (1997)

Mediation Skills and Settlement Conference – *Advocacy: The Art of Facilitating Settlement*, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law (1996)

Arbitration Case Preparation and Presentation, American Arbitration Association (1996)

## Professional Associations

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### American Bar Association

Section Membership: Dispute Resolution (1994–9); Health Law Forum (1993–5); Litigation (1993–7); Natural Resources, Energy, & Environmental Law (1990–3); Science and Technology (1989–2000), Chair, Behavioral Science Committee (1996–9, 2008–10), Standing Committee on Scientific Evidence (1989–95); Tort & Insurance Practice (1993–7); Standing Committee on Publishing Oversight (1999–03); Forum on Entertainment and Sports Industries (2001–3, 2008–10); International Law (2008–10).

### ABA Standing Committee on Publishing Oversight

Oversee publications and publishing policy, procedures and practices of American Bar Association.

### American Academy of Forensic Sciences

Director (2001–4); Trustee, Forensic Sciences Foundation (1995–2003; Vice-chair, 1997–8; Secretary, 1998–9); Chair, Education Committee (1997–8, 1999–2003), Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board (1997–2003); Professional Oversight Task Force (1994–7), Jurisprudence Section: Fellow (1996–05), Chair (1997–9), Secretary (1996–7), Member (1994–6), Program Chair (1995), Program Co-chair (1994, 1996), Provisional Member (1989–94), Jurisprudence Section Harold A. Feder Award Winner (2001).

### Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board

At Large Member of a Board established by the AAFS, and funded by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), for the purpose of creating standards to accredit entities that certify individual forensic practitioners in various areas of specialization. Participating certification entities presently include: American Board of Forensic Toxicology (ABFT), American Board of Forensic Odontology (ABFO), Forensic Toxicology Certification Board (FTCB), American Board of Medico-Legal Death Investigation (ABMDI), American Board of Forensic Document Examiners (ABFDE), Association of Forensic Document Examiners (AFDE), International Association for Identification (IAI), American Board of Criminalistics (ABC), International Association of Forensic Engineering Specialties (IAFES). Affiliate entities include American Board of Forensic Pathology (ABFP), National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), U. S. Department of Justice (DOJ), and NIJ.

### Forensic Sciences Foundation

Trustee and Chair of Education Committee; FSF is a non-profit foundation dedicated to education and research in forensic sciences. Sponsored FSF funding for Summit Conference, *supra*; sponsored and administered Emerging Forensic Scientist Award competition (1995–2003).