Magistrate Jami Vigil

Magistrate Vigil has been a member of the Colorado Lawyer advisory board since July 2017. She is a frequent contributor to the publication and recently authored a five-article series on problem solving courts.

PROFILE

Hometown: While I have lived in many places, I view Denver as the town I grew up in.

Law School: University of Colorado at Boulder

Lives in: Colorado Springs

Works at: Fourth Judicial District

Practice Area(s): Judicial Officer presiding over Dependency & Neglect, Paternity & Support, Adoptions, and Family Treatment Drug Court

CBA Member Since: 2002

Describe yourself in five words.

I try to be: patient, a good listener, diligent, compassionate, and fair.

Why did you become a lawyer?

I went to law school because I wanted to help people.

What's the best advice you've ever been given?

I was fortunate to receive much excellent advice from my grandfather. Two of the most important things he stressed were to always treat others with respect and to be of service. I try to live by that every day.

What is one of the most positive experiences you've had as a lawyer?

Presiding over Family Treatment Drug Court has been one of the most rewarding and positive experiences of my professional career.

What do you like the most about your practice area?

The incredible people I get to work with. I have the honor of working frequently with some of the most committed and thoughtful professionals I have ever met.

What do you wish you had learned in law school?

The value of a good mediator/mediation.

What is your favorite place to escape to in Colorado?

I enjoy everywhere so long as I am with my family.

If you weren't a lawyer, you'd be:

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