



Sarah Coleman

Sarah Coleman is the newest member of the *Colorado Lawyer* advisory board. She began her term in July 2018.

PROFILE

Hometown: My mother was an officer in the Air Force. We moved around, but eventually settled in Burlington, North Carolina.

Law School: University of Denver Sturm College of Law, 2011

Lives in: Crested Butte, Colorado

Works at: Coleman Law

Practice Area(s): Mediation; Freelance Legal Services

CBA Member Since: 2011

Describe yourself in five words.

Compassionate. Easy-going. Sarcastic. Mother.

Why did you become a lawyer?

Law seemed like a really valuable and versatile degree and one that I could use to hopefully do some good in the world. Plus, working in a doctor's office cured me of wanting to go to medical school.

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

"Comparison is the thief of joy." —Theodore Roosevelt. I take that as a reminder to be grateful and humble, and to define success for myself.

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

I designed and taught a lecture series on American government and civics that I gave to community members for free at my local libraries. It was incredibly rewarding to use my legal education and experience to teach lay people how our government functions.

What do you like the most about your practice area?

I mostly provide freelance legal services to other lawyers—litigation support and legal research and writing. I work with lawyers around the state and get to see how they approach problems and do business. I've come to really love the role of helping lawyers sustain and grow their practices. Plus, with two small children, I value the flexibility.

What do you wish you had learned in law school?

I wish I appreciated early on how much of a "people business" this profession is.

What is your favorite place to escape to in Colorado?

The canyonlands in and around Colorado National Monument.

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