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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Experienced litigator, coverage attorney, litigation consultant, and litigation manager with significant bottom-line responsibility and a successful track record of evaluating the liability and damage aspects of several hundred cases. Extensive background in medicolegal aspects of closed head injuries, child development, pathologies, and injuries, drawing on diagnostic and therapeutic expertise developed as a speech pathologist. Outstanding leadership, analytical, strategic, negotiation, and communication skills.

PROFESSIONAL CHRONOLOGY

October 1999-Present

Law Office of Judith F. Tartaglia

Ms. Tartaglia's law practice encompasses plaintiffs' and defense litigation, consulting, and mediation, with an emphasis on catastrophic injuries. She has an outstanding background in insurance coverage and has been retained as an expert witness on coverage issues.

She has defended or brought lawsuits on behalf of, among others, children and adults with closed-head injuries, spinal cord injuries, people with severe burns, and people involved in coverage disputes with their insurance carriers. She has also defended wrongful death lawsuits and serves as local counsel for a national firm involved in high-profile food-borne illness cases.

In an Of Counsel role for the firm of Montgomery, Kolodny, Amatuzio & Dusbabek, she consults on and co-defends many of the firm's catastrophic injury cases.

March 1992–October 1999

The CIGNA Companies

Assistant General Counsel, Litigation

Managing Attorney of the Denver Legal Services Office, providing service to three claims management departments and 11 states in litigation management, coverage, bill review, and audit. Legal coordinator of Special Risk Fund litigation and coverage issues for 13 states. National consultant on catastrophic injuries, including closed head injuries. Reported to Area Vice President and Senior Vice President and Chief Counsel, Philadelphia.

September 1986–February 1992

Staff Attorney, Denver Field Litigation Office

Tried cases involving all aspects of insurance defense litigation, with major emphasis in complex medical litigation and insurance law.

March 1983–September 1986

Erickson, Holmes, Nicholls, Kusic & Sussman, Denver, Colorado

Associate Attorney, Law Clerk, Legal Intern

March 1976–August 1984

The Children's Hospital, Denver, Colorado

Assistant Director, Audiology & Speech Pathology

Supervised ten speech-language pathologists and three learning disabilities specialists. Evaluated speech-language pathologies in children with multiple congenital handicaps and closed head injuries. Treated speech-language pathologies. Held primary responsibility for evaluating and treating children in the inpatient brain injury program. Developed and administered multidisciplinary cleft-palate team. Developed innovative programs for pre-school and kindergarten children and participated in follow-up research on high-risk, newborn infants.

April 1969–March 1976

Clinical Supervisor, Audiology and Speech Pathology

OTHER SIGNIFICANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2004 | Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts Certificate of Completion: <i>Program of Instruction for Lawyers Mediation Workshop</i> |
| 2000 | CDR Associates, Boulder, Colorado Certificate of Completion: <i>The Mediation Process</i> |
| 1999 | Lecturer, Neuropsychology Seminar, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center <i>Forensic Issues and Applications</i> |
| 1995 | Faculty, Colorado Women's Bar Association, Denver, Colorado <i>Billing Issues for Women</i> |
| 1995 | Faculty, American Bar Association, Tucson, Arizona Coverage Litigation Midyear Annual Meeting <i>Insurance Coverage Litigation: The View from In-House</i> |
| 1992 | Faculty, CIGNA Companies, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania <i>Senior Attorney Program: Defending Catastrophic Injury Cases</i> |
| 1991 | Faculty, Utah Head Injury Association/Utah Bar Association, Salt Lake City, Utah <i>The Mild to Moderate Head Injury Case: What the Attorney Needs to Know</i> |
| 1989 | Faculty, Colorado Defense Lawyers Association, Vail Colorado <i>The Defense of Closed Head Injuries</i> |
| 1979 | Faculty, American Speech-Language and Hearing Association, Atlanta, Georgia <i>Speech-Language Development of Infants with Severe Hyaline Membrane Disease</i> |
| 1977 | Faculty, The Children's Hospital Neonatology Conference, Keystone, Colorado |
| 1975-1977 | Consultant, Cherry Creek Schools, Early Education Program |
| 1974-1976 | Member, American Speech-Language and Hearing Association Learning Disabilities Task Force |
| 1970-1980 | Visiting Faculty, University of Denver and Colorado State University, Speech Pathology Programs |
| 1970-1977 | Lecturer, Speech-Language Development and Pathologies, School Nurse Practitioner Program, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center |

PUBLICATIONS

Tartaglia J, Blomstrom T, Hayhurst E, VanLandingham J. *E. coli* Litigation: Overcoming the Tempest. *For the Defense*. December 2010

Tartaglia J, Amatuzio K. **Using Substantial Factor Analysis in Closed Head Injury Cases.** *For the Defense*, Special Publication: Defending Cases Involving Psychological and Head Injuries. 1992

Tartaglia J, Amatuzio K. **Using Substantial Factor Analysis in Closed Head Injury Cases.** *For the Defense*. February 1991

Greengard RS, Tartaglia J. **Sexual Harassment Claims: Emerging Trends in Coverage Litigation.** *The Colorado Lawyer* 63, January 1995

Task Force on Learning Disabilities. **Position Statement of American Speech-Language and Hearing Association on Learning Disabilities.** *ASHA* 18(5), May 1976

Ehrlich C, Tartaglia J. **Three Pediatric Auditory Discrimination Measures: A Correlational Study.** *Journal of the Colorado Speech and Hearing Association*. Spring 1973

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Colorado, May 1984

U. S. District Court of Colorado, June 1984

District of Columbia, March 1986

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Colorado Bar Association
Denver Bar Association
Defense Research Institute

Colorado Council of Mediators & Mediation Organizations
Colorado Defense Lawyers Association
American Speech-Language & Hearing Association

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor
PhD Candidate, Speech Communication
MA, Speech Pathology
BA, History

University of Denver College of Law
University of Denver
Temple University
Douglass College (Rutgers University)

CERTIFICATION

Certificate of Clinical Competence-Speech-Language Pathology, American Speech-Language & Hearing Association

