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EMPLOYMENT

1984 to Present - **Hirst Applegate, LLP.**

- Partner, 1989 to present
- Associate, 1984 to 1989
- Practice areas: Primary focus is in the areas of estate planning, trust and estate administration, business organizations, and real estate

1990, Fall Semester, Adjunct Professor of Law,
University of Wyoming College of Law

1979 to 1981: Speech consultant

1977 to 1981: Housing Director and Student Life Coordinator and part-time speech instructor, **Central Wyoming College**

EDUCATION

2000: The Esperti Peterson Institute: Advanced Wealth-Strategist Planner Designation

University of Wyoming, J.D. (*Order of the Coif, with Honor*), 1984

University of Montana, M.A. (*Interpersonal Communication, with Honor*), 1977

University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point, B.S. (*Political Science and Communication, with Honor*), 1975

PERSONAL: Cancer survivor. Married to Dana Bates Metzke, Cheyenne native.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 1995-1996, and 2004: Laramie County Community College Board of Trustees
- 1992-2010: Laramie County Community College Foundation, President (1994-95, 1997-99); Lifetime Heritage Award, 2006
- Cheyenne-Laramie County Regional Planning Commission (1993 – 1996); Vice Chairman (1994, 1995), Chairman (1996)
- 1994 to present: Young Men's Literary Club of Cheyenne
- 1998 to present: Cheyenne Rotary Club (President 2004-05)
- 2003 to present: Cheyenne Symphony Foundation (Vice President 2005, Treasurer 2006-present)
- Numerous community boards; Frequent speaker on topics related to estate planning
- Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*, *Rocky Mountain Super Lawyers* and *Chambers USA*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Wyoming State Bar Association, Laramie County Bar Association, United States District Court for the District of Wyoming, United States Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, United States Tax Court, Southeast Wyoming Estate Planning Council, WealthCounsel, Founding Member

