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EMPLOYMENT

January 2018 to Present – Contract, Hirst Applegate, LLP
1989 – 2018 – Partner, Hirst Applegate, LLP
1984 – 1989 – Associate, Hirst Applegate, LLP

Practice areas: Estate Planning, Estate and Trust 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: Advance 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

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

WealthCounsel Founding Member
Wyoming State Bar Association
United States District Court for the District of Wyoming
United States Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals
United States Tax Court

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
2003 – 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*

PERSONAL

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