

# HIRST Wyoming Attorneys APPLEGATE

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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.