

MariaJose Delgado

Attorney, licensed in Colorado

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Summary

Attorney specializing in family law since 2010

Contract Attorney with Colorado's Office of the Child's Representative

Contract Mediator with Colorado's Office of Dispute Resolution

Child and Family Investigator for Denver Metro Area

Commissioner, Colorado Child Support Commission since 2019

Commissioner, Judicial Nominating Commission for Arapahoe County

Parenting Coordinator and Decision Maker

Bilingual in English and Spanish, proficient in Italian

Committed to improving the legal profession and the family law experience via mindful, trauma-informed practice of family law, development of legal support tools for family law litigation, and community service

Current Professional Experience

Contract Attorney with Colorado's Office of the Child's Representative, July 2026 – Present

- Represent the child's best interests as Child Legal Representative in domestic relations cases (17th Judicial District)
- Represent the child's best interests as Guardian ad Litem in dependency and neglect cases (17th Judicial District)

Contract Mediator with Colorado Office of Dispute Resolution, June 2022 – Present

- Mediate domestic relations cases

Attorney and Mediator at MariaJose Delgado Law LLC, June 2021 –Present

- Mediate domestic relations cases
- Serve the court as child and family investigator
- Provide parent coordinator services by order of appointment

Co-Founder, Legal Thunder, March 2018 – Present

- Develop user experience for legal calculators
- Create website content with legal information and resources concerning Colorado's child support and spousal support systems to make the judicial system more accessible to pro se litigants

Previous Professional Experience

Contract Mediator with Johnson Mediation Group LLC, June 2021 – 2026

- Mediate domestic relations cases

Managing Attorney at Servicios de la Raza VISTAS Legal Services, January 2023-March 2024

- Provided unbundled legal services to pro se parties concerning family law matters to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and general crime
- Provided full legal representation in pre-decree dissolution of marriage, pre-decree allocation of parental responsibilities, and permanent protection order matters for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and general crime
- Provided bilingual legal education and resource presentations concerning family law and protection orders to Colorado's Latinx community

Attorney at Lass Moses Ramp & Cooper LLC, August 2018 – June 2021

- Practiced all aspects of family law

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- Cases handled range from parties with high assets and complex income to low-income parties with high debt

Senior Associate Attorney, Robinson & Henry, P.C., Denver, Colorado, March 2017 – April 2018

- Practiced all aspects of family law

Founding Partner, Delgado & McCoy, LLC, Denver, Colorado, June 2016 – February 2017

- Practiced all aspects of family law

Solo Practitioner, Delgado Law, LLC, Denver, Colorado, August 2015 – May 2016

- Practiced all aspects of family law

Associate Attorney, Martin Law Firm, Westminster, Colorado, September 2014 – April 2015

- Practiced all aspects of family law

Associate Attorney, Shemtob Law, PC, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, May 2011 – June 2014

- Practiced all aspects of family law

Law Clerk, Berner Klaw & Watson, LLP, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Summer 2009 – April 2011

- Legal research, drafting, and litigation support for all aspects of family law

Judicial Intern for Hon. Ida Chen, Court of Common Pleas, Fam. Div., Philadelphia, PA, Summer 2008

- Provided legal research and administrative support for judicial determination of protection from abuse matters

Professional Memberships and Community Service

Commissioner, 18th Judicial District Judicial Nominating Commission, 2025 to Present

Commissioner, Colorado Child Support Commission, 2019 to Present

Liaison, Colorado Child Support Commission and Family Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association, 2019 through 2026

Child and Family Investigation Roster for Judicial Districts in Denver Metro Area since 2022

Family Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association

Member, Colorado Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) 2022 to Present

Co-Coordinator, Spanish Legal Aid Clinic for Project Safeguard

Select Trainings

Office of the Child's Representative Core Competencies Training I

Colorado Collaborative Divorce Professionals Training, 2025

How to Assess for Coercive Control IPV Including Men as Victims, COAFCC, 2024

Understanding De-Escalation, 2-Hour Training, Denver Office of Behavioral Health Strategies, 2024

PsychLaw 10-Hour Domestic Violence and 10-Hour Child Abuse Trainings, 2023

Colorado Substance Use Coercion, ECHO Virtual Training Series, 12-Hour Course, 2023

Improving Responses in Domestic Violence Cases, AFCC, One Day, 2023

Strangulation Prevention Training, One Day, Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention, 2023

Community Based Domestic Violence Program Advocates, 40-Hour Training, Violence Free Colorado, 2023

New Ways for Mediation: A Breakthrough Approach for Mediating High Conflict Disputes, High Conflict Institute, 2-Hour Training, 2022

Parent Coordinator and Decision Maker Training, 40-Hour Training, 2022

Child and Family Investigator, 40-Hour Training, 2021

Mediation, 40-Hour Training 2016

Speaking/Faculty Engagements

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Family Law Section Lunch and Learn	Child Support Updates	2025
Family Law Institute	Child Support Updates	2025
Alternative Dispute Resolution Conference	Mediation Ethics Panel	2024
COAFCC Fall Conference	Cultural Competency	2024
2024 Judicial Child Support Huddle	Self-Employment: Determining Income	2024
Family Law Institute	Parallel Parenting vs. Co-Parenting: Working with Families When Domestic Violence Is Involved	2024
ODR DR Mediation Training	Ethics in Domestic Relations Mediations	2024
FLS Fall Update	Child Support 2023 Legislative Updates	2023
ABBA FLS Luncheon	Legislative Updates in Family Law Part 2: Domestic Violence Education for Court Personnel	2022
ODR Lunch & Learn	Domestic Violence in Domestic Relations Mediations	2022
MVL Mediation CLE	Domestic Violence in Domestic Relations Mediations	2022
ABBA FLS Luncheon	Legislative Updates in Family Law Part 1: Child Support	2022
CBA FLS Luncheon	Child Support Updates	2021
Family Law Institute	Time Saving Tips for Interpreter Cases in a Clock Trial	2021
YLD Breakfast CLE	The Relocation Labyrinth: Mapping Your Way for the Client and the Court	2020
Family Law Institute	All the Right Moves: Preparing a Relocation Case for Trial	2019
Let's Talk Divorce!	Identifying & Valuing Unusual Marital Property	2017
Immigration Law Section Lunch CLE	Where Family Law Intersects with Immigration Law: Practical Steps for Protecting the Children of Immigrants Facing Deportation	2017

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The Legal Brief

Divorce and Family Law

2016

Publications

Article, “Real Property Division for Unmarried Cohabitants,” *The Matrimonial Strategist*, February 2013

Case Note, “Clarification or Modification?: The Difference between Elucidation and a Due Process Violation,” *Pennsylvania Family Lawyer*, Vol. 35, Issue 1, 34 (March 2013)

Case Note, “Missing the Forest for the Trees Can Lead to Collateral Estoppel,” *Pennsylvania Family Lawyer*, Vol. 34, Issue 2, 95 (June 2012)

Article, co-authored with Lori K. Shemtob, Esq., “Japan and International Child Abduction,” *The Matrimonial Strategist*, February 2012

Awards

2024-26 Super Lawyers Selectee

2018-23 Super Lawyers Rising Star Selectee

2016-18 National Advocates Top 40 Under 40, Colorado

2016 National Academy of Family Lawyers Top 40 Under 40, Colorado

2010 Rubin Public Interest Society Award

Prior Community Service and Memberships

Past Board Member of Business and Professional Women of Cherry Creek

Past Co-Chair, Board of Editors of *The Matrimonial Strategist*

Past member of Doris Jonas Freed Family Law American Inn of Court, Pennsylvania Hispanic Bar Association, Family Law Section of the Montgomery County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division of the Montgomery County Bar Association, and the Pennsylvania Minority Bar Association

Past Co-Chair of the American Citizenship Committee of the Montgomery County Bar Association
Contract Attorney, Project Safeguard, 2018, 2021

Volunteer attorney, MetroVolunteer Lawyers, 2016 to 2021

Program faculty teaching family law basics for homeless mothers at Marisol Homes for Denver Catholic Charities, 2018 – 2019

Volunteer attorney for Florence Crittenton Legal Clinic, 2017 – 2019

Volunteer attorney for Denver District Court’s Domestic Relations Firefighters Program, 2019

Pro bono attorney for select non-English speaking, primary-Spanish speaking parties in domestic matters, 2016 – 2020

Other Professional Experience

Interpreter/Guide, Monticello, Charlottesville, VA, 2006-2007

- Researched and presented the life and works of Thomas Jefferson and early American history; wrote scripts for specialty tours

Interpreter/Guide, Through Eternity/Roman Holidays, Rome, Italy, 2004-2005

- Researched and presented Roman and Italian history and culture, art history, and ancient Roman cultic practices

Program Manager, Intl Center for Yoga Arts & Sciences, Toronto, Canada, 2001-2002

- Managed office, developed curriculum, coordinated workshops, directed public relations, marketing, recruitment

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Education

Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, PA
JD, 2010

Beasley Scholar

Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome, Italy

Post-baccalaureate Study in Religions & Cultures, 2005

Specialization: Muslim-Christian Dialogue

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

BA Religious Studies, 2001

Extras

Associate Member of Oil Painters of America