

Bob Steenrod
R.L. STEENROD JR.

PRACTICE AREAS:

Probate and Estate Administration; Probate Litigation; Conservatorships, Trusts and Guardianships, and arbitration and mediation in all these areas.

FORMER PROBATE MASTER/REFEREE AND CLERK OF COURT OF THE DENVER PROBATE COURT:

Probate Court, City and County of Denver, 1979-1983. Presided over approximately 1000 hearings in a five-year period as the Probate Master/Referee.

PRIVATE PRACTICE:

Administered well over 6,000+ probate Estates, acts as an expert witness in probate litigation particularly in the area of fee disputes, acts as a Special Master on probate matters by Court appointment [link to EXPERT WITNESS CASES], teaches Colorado Continuing Legal Education courses on probate topics and has lectured nationally for the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys' Academy and for the Law Education Institute at their National Continuing Legal Education Conference [link to PROGRAMS AND COURSES and PUBLICATIONS].

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

Professional Service: Denver and Colorado Bar Associations: Probate and Trust Law Section: Secretary and Treasurer, 1986-1987; Colorado Lawyer Column Editor, 1988-1989; Chairman Probate and Trust Law Section, 1992-1993. Member Statutory Revisions Committee (1983 to the present) [link to LEGISLATION]; Member Colorado Bar Association Board of Governors (1993 to 2011); Co-Chairman of the Uniform Probate Law Committee for the Colorado Probate and Trust Law Section (1992-1995); President of the Colorado Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (1995 to 2005); Author, Probate Practice and Estate Planning, Chapter 101, *Guardianships*, Krendl's *Colorado Methods of Practice* (1983 to 2001); Update Author, Probate Practice and Estate Planning, Chapter 100, *Conservatorships*, Krendl's *Colorado Methods of Practice* (2002 to present); Clerk, Probate Master and Referee of the Denver Probate Court (1979-1983); Public Administrator, City & County of Denver (1983 to 2010); Colorado Bar Association Executive Council (2000-2001); Vice President of the Colorado Bar Association (2000-2001); elected a Fellow of the American College of Trust Estate Counsel (2002).

EDUCATION:

Lafayette College, B.A., English, 1965
University of Denver, College of Law, J.D., 1972

BAR ADMISSIONS:

State of Colorado: October 15, 1973
United States District Court for the District of Colorado: October 15, 1973

MARTINDALE-HUBBELL RATING:

AV rating

CIVIC AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:

Colorado Chapter of Trout Unlimited: State Council Chairman (approximately 1976 to 1978); and received the highest service award for the State of Colorado, "The Silver Trout Award" in 1978.

In-line Muzzleloading Education Association of Colorado, Mr. Steenrod created this organization in 1998 and led a successful effort to reverse an ill-advised decision by the Colorado Wildlife Commission banning In-line muzzleloading rifles for hunting in the muzzleloading hunting season in Colorado.

MILITARY:

Military Service: United States Army 1965-1968, Captain, Infantry, Airborne, Ranger, and Aviator (reconnaissance pilot). Flew in support of Special Forces in the Vietnam Conflict 1967-1968. Decorations include: Vietnam Service Medal, Air Medal with 26 Clusters, Bronze Star, and the Vietnamese Silver Star.

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LEGISLATION:

Legislative Liaison for the CBA's Trusts and Estates Section from 1993 to 2011 and in that position worked with the Statutory Revisions Committee of the Trusts and Estates Section, the Legislative Policy Committee for the CBA, numerous legislators and the Uniform Law Commissioners for the State of Colorado to successfully present numerous pieces of legislation to the Colorado

Legislature to develop, refine and improve the probate and estate laws of Colorado. Highlights of these activities include: In 1995 Mr. Steenrod acting as the Co-Chairman of the Statutory Revisions Subcommittee, successfully assisted with the revision and presentation of the Uniform Probate Code II to the Colorado Legislature. In 1999 and 2000 assisted in the presentation to the Colorado Legislature the Uniform Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Act that became effective January 1, 2001. In 2006 to 2008 worked as the Chairman of the Statutory Revisions subcommittee to develop "the Judicial Toolbox" to create an entirely new statute to provide consolidated and coordinated statutory tools to the Colorado judiciary for the supervision of fiduciaries. In 2009 through 2010 Mr. Steenrod work on the subcommittee and then subsequently presented to the Colorado legislature a new statute to coordinate and revise the laws dealing with fees and compensation in Colorado estates, protective proceedings and trusts.

ABBREVIATED LIST OF PROGRAMS AND COURSES:

1. Speaker and Breakout Session Facilitator: 2008 Colorado Judicial Conference.
2. Speaker: *Addressing Changes in the Uniform Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Act Concerning Bonds, Fee Matters and Financial Plans*, Colorado's New Guardianship & Conservatorship Laws Program, Colorado Bar Association CLE, December, 2000, Denver CO. This program introduced the newly enacted *The Uniform Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Act* to Colorado practitioners.
3. Speaker: *Post-mortem Tax, Negotiation Considerations and Planning Techniques in Obtaining and Protecting an Enlarged Marital Deduction Resulting from Litigation or Private Settlements in Will Contests*, 1999 National CLE Conference program, Colorado Bar Association CLE & Law Education Institute, Inc., January 1999, Vail, Colorado. This was the national CLE program and conference covering topics in all area of the law and attracted a national audience.
4. Speaker: *Addressing Incapacity in a Family Law Context*, Lawyer's Public Information Foundation, Family Law Program, October 1999, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. This program is an annual bench-bar retreat addressing major topics of concern to matrimonial attorneys and judges.
5. Speaker: *How to Determine Incapacity* presented by Dr. Kathryn Kaye, Psy.D. and R.L. Steenrod Jr., Esq., 1997, University of Denver College of Law Elder Law Institute, Denver CO.
6. Speaker: *Ideas For Negotiating and Drafting Settlement Agreements In Testate Estates*, Trial of a Will Contest Program, Continuing Legal Education in

Colorado, Inc., February 1997, Denver CO. This program addressed various topics concerning probate litigation in the area of wills and evidentiary matters.

7. Speaker: *Advanced Guardianship Issues -Not Always a Slam Dunk: Focus upon Litigation of Capacity in Contested Guardianship and Conservatorship Estates*, presented by A. Frank Johns, Esq. and R.L. Steenrod Jr., Esq. at the NAELA Institute-IV, September, 1994, Las Vegas, Nevada.

8. Speaker: *Spousal and Family Rights*, Review of Major Changes to the *Uniform Probate Code* Program, Continuing Legal Education in Colorado, Inc., December 1994, Denver CO. This program introduced major revisions to the *Colorado Uniform Probate Code* to Colorado practitioners.

SAMPLE PUBLICATIONS:

1. *Highlights of Colorado's New Guardianship and Conservatorship Laws, Conservatorships-Bonds, Financial Plans and Fee Matters* sections, edited by Bob Steenrod Jr., *The Colorado Lawyer*, January 2001, volume 30, No. 1. This article introduced the *Colorado Uniform Guardian and Protective Proceedings Act* to Colorado practitioners.

2. *Guardianships, Colorado Methods of Practice*, 4th Edition by Cathy Stricklin Krendl, Editor, volume 3A, Chapter 101, *West's Colorado Practice Series*. This chapter was originally written by R.L. Steenrod Jr. in approximately 1983 and has been updated for the annual supplements from 1983 until 2001 and received a major rewrite in 2000.

3. *Conservatorships, Colorado Methods of Practice*, 4th Edition by Cathy Stricklin Krendl, Editor, volume 3A, Chapter 100, *West's Colorado Practice Series*. In 2002 Mr. Steenrod assumed responsibility for providing the annual editing and updating of this chapter.

4. *Highlights of the Uniform Probate Code, Article II, General Provisions And Intestate Succession* sections, edited by Bob Steenrod, *The Colorado Lawyer*, October, 1994, volume 23, No. 10. This article introduced the first major revision to Colorado's version of the *Uniform Probate Code* to Colorado practitioners.

5. See reference to legislative activities above. Mr. Steenrod has personally drafted numerous original sections and modifications to Colorado's *Uniform Guardian and Protective Proceedings Act* (effective January 1, 2001) and has drafted numerous amendments and revisions to the *Colorado Probate Code* for the last 20+ years.

EXPERT WITNESS CASES:

Examples of Court-appointed Master, Special Administrator or Expert Witness Cases that involved litigation:

1. In the Matter of the Estate of Richard Lee Myers, Arapahoe District Court, Case No. 98 PR 40. (Expert Witness).
2. In the Matter of the Estate of Betty White, Arapahoe District Court, Case No. 98 PR 746. (Special Administrator).
3. In the Matter of the Estate of Charles E. Ogden, Probate Court, City and County of Denver, 98 PR 1423. (Special Administrator).
4. Nichols vs. Lynch, et al., Jefferson County District Court, Case No. 00 CV 1400. (Retained as Expert Witness).
5. Kimberly Brookins, as Conservator for Bridgette Lott vs. James D. King, et al., Denver District Court, Case No. 01 CV 3618. (Expert Witness).
6. In Re Marriage of DeGroot v. DeGroot, Douglas County District Court, Case No. 01 DR 761 (Neutral Trust Expert).