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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Experienced litigator, mediator, litigation consultant, and litigation manager with significant bottom-line responsibility and a successful track record of evaluating the liability and damage aspects of several hundred cases. Extensive background in medicolegal aspects of closed head injuries, child development, pathologies, and injuries, drawing on diagnostic and therapeutic expertise developed as a speech pathologist. Outstanding leadership, analytical, strategic, negotiation, and communication skills.

PROFESSIONAL CHRONOLOGY

October 1999–Present

Law Office of Judith F. Tartaglia

Ms. Tartaglia's law practice encompasses plaintiffs' and defense litigation, consulting, and mediation, with an emphasis on catastrophic injuries. She also has an outstanding background in insurance issues.

She has defended or brought lawsuits on behalf of, among others, children and adults with closed-head injuries, spinal cord injuries, people with severe burns, and people involved in coverage disputes with their insurance carriers. She has also defended wrongful death lawsuits and serves as local counsel for a national firm involved in high-profile food-borne illness cases.

In an Of Counsel role for the firm of Montgomery, Kolodny, Amatuzio & Dusbabek from 1999 to 2012, she consulted on and codefended many of the firm's catastrophic injury cases.

March 1992–October 1999

The CIGNA Companies

Assistant General Counsel, Litigation

Managing Attorney of the Denver Legal Services Office, providing service to three claims management departments and 11 states in litigation management, coverage, bill review, and audit. Legal coordinator of Special Risk Fund litigation and coverage issues for 13 states. National consultant on catastrophic injuries, including closed head injuries. Reported to Area Vice President and Senior Vice President and Chief Counsel, Philadelphia.

September 1986–
February 1992

Staff Attorney, Denver Field Litigation Office

Tried, arbitrated, and mediated cases involving all aspects of insurance defense litigation, with major emphasis in complex medical litigation and insurance law.

March 1983–September 1986

Erickson, Holmes, Nicholls, Kusic & Sussman, Denver, Colorado

Associate Attorney, Law Clerk, Legal Intern

March 1976–August 1984

The Children's Hospital, Denver, Colorado

Assistant Director, Audiology & Speech Pathology

Supervised ten speech-language pathologists and three learning disabilities specialists. Evaluated speech-language pathologies in children with multiple congenital handicaps and closed head injuries. Treated speech-language pathologies. Held primary responsibility for evaluating and treating children in the inpatient brain injury program. Developed and administered multidisciplinary cleft-palate team. Developed innovative programs for pre-school and kindergarten children and participated in follow-up research on high-risk, newborn infants.

April 1969–March 1976

Clinical Supervisor, Audiology and Speech Pathology

OTHER SIGNIFICANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1994-Present	Seventh & Ash Townhomes HOA Board - Member and/or president seven terms. Business management, dispute resolution, legal issues.
2004	Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts Certificate of Completion: Program of Instruction for Lawyers Mediation Workshop
2000	CDR Associates, Boulder, Colorado Certificate of Completion: The Mediation Process
1999	Lecturer, Neuropsychology Seminar, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center Forensic Issues and Applications
1995	Faculty, Colorado Women's Bar Association, Denver, Colorado Billing Issues for Women
1995	Faculty, American Bar Association, Tucson, Arizona Coverage Litigation Midyear Annual Meeting Insurance Coverage Litigation: The View from In-House
1992	Faculty, CIGNA Companies, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Senior Attorney Program: Defending Catastrophic Injury Cases
1991	Faculty, Utah Head Injury Association/Utah Bar Association, Salt Lake City, Utah The Mild to Moderate Head Injury Case: What the Attorney Needs to Know
1989	Faculty, Colorado Defense Lawyers Association, Vail Colorado The Defense of Closed Head Injuries
1979	Faculty, American Speech-Language and Hearing Association, Atlanta, Georgia Speech-Language Development of Infants with Severe Hyaline Membrane Disease
1977	Faculty, The Children's Hospital Neonatology Conference, Keystone, Colorado
1975-1977	Consultant, Cherry Creek Schools, Early Education Program
1974-1976	Member, American Speech-Language and Hearing Association Learning Disabilities Task Force
1970-1980	Visiting Faculty, University of Denver and Colorado State University, Speech Pathology Programs
1970-1977	Lecturer, Speech-Language Development and Pathologies, School Nurse Practitioner Program, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center

PUBLICATIONS

- Tartaglia J, Blomstrom T, Hayhurst E, VanLandingham J. *E. coli* Litigation: Overcoming the Tempest. *For the Defense*, December 2010
- Tartaglia J, Amatuzio K. **Using Substantial Factor Analysis in Closed Head Injury Cases.** *For the Defense*, Special Publication: Defending Cases Involving Psychological and Head Injuries. 1992
- Tartaglia J, Amatuzio K. **Using Substantial Factor Analysis in Closed Head Injury Cases.** *For the Defense*, February 1991
- Greengard RS, Tartaglia J. **Sexual Harassment Claims: Emerging Trends in Coverage Litigation.** *The Colorado Lawyer*, January 1995
- Task Force on Learning Disabilities. **Position Statement of American Speech-Language and Hearing Association on Learning Disabilities.** *ASHA*, 18(5), May 1976
- Ehrlich C, Tartaglia J. **Three Pediatric Auditory Discrimination Measures: A Correlational Study.** *Journal of the Colorado Speech and Hearing Association*, Spring 1973
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BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Colorado, May 1984 U. S. District Court of Colorado, June 1984

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor	University of Denver College of Law
PhD Candidate, Speech Communication	University of Denver
MA, Speech Pathology	Temple University
BA, History	Douglass College (Rutgers University)
