



Christina Pettus

Christina Pettus currently serves as assistant county attorney for Adams County. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, music, reading, spending time with family and friends, and rooting for the Kansas City Chiefs.

PROFILE

Hometown:

Kansas City, Missouri

Law School:

Thomas M. Cooley
(Western Michigan
University)

Lives in:

Brighton

Works at:

Adams County Attorney's
Office

Practice Areas:

Adult protection services,
child support enforcement,
administrative appeals for
the department of human
services

CBA Member Since:

2020

Pronouns:

She/her/hers

Describe yourself in five words.

Compassionate, jovial, reserved, decisive, and genuine.

Why did you become a lawyer?

I've wanted to be a lawyer since I was 6 years old. I truly believe God placed that desire within my heart and saw fit that I would achieve that desire.

What's the best advice you've ever been given?

Live every day like it's your last, and don't put off tomorrow what you can do today, because tomorrow isn't promised.

What is your favorite memory from law school?

Seeing President Obama speak live with John Edwards at Van Andel Arena in Michigan and witnessing him becoming the first Black president of the United States. Yes, We Can!

What is one of the most positive experiences you've had as a lawyer?

Being a member and co-chair of the Colorado Diverse Attorney Community Circle and working to create an inclusive environment that helps the legal profession grow in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion. All of us add value. The legal profession is one of the least diverse professions in this country. I enjoy being part of the change. As co-chair, I organized a networking event that included a panel of judges from various marginalized groups who spoke about their personal experiences and the need to diversify the bench.

What is your favorite place to escape to in Colorado?

Aspen and Vail because they are so picturesque and the beauty brings me joy.

Who is your favorite writer and why?

Judy Blume has stuck with me since childhood. She was the first author read to me by a teacher, and I have loved every book since then. She has a way of making difficult matters easier for children and adolescents to process and understand. Her writings are full of sincerity and honesty, and that brings comfort and support. Her characters are captivating and her messages impactful. I look forward to sharing these writings with my nieces and my own child one day.

What are you passionate about?

Family and community, and helping those in need specifically in the areas of adult protection services, mental health, adolescents in marginalized communities, those wrongfully convicted, and access to justice.

If I had a dime for every time I heard (blank), I'd be a rich person:

You should be a judge.

What is an unconventional lesson you've learned about the practice of law?

Be kind to all parties involved, including opposing parties and opposing counsel. People are going through difficulties, and how you treat people matters.

Who is your hero and why?

My mom has been through so much adversity, yet she is the strongest, most loving, and most kindhearted person I know. 