



Molly Tova Zwerdinger

Molly Tova Zwerdinger is a wife, mother, lawyer, and lover of glitter and all that sparkles.

PROFILE

Hometown:

Denver

Law School:

University of Denver

Lives in:

Centennial

Works at:

Balson Faix & McVey

Practice Areas:

Trust and Estate

CBA Member Since:

2013

Pronouns:

She/Her/Hers

Describe yourself in five words.

Passionate. Organized. Focused. Eclectic. Thriving.

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

Ignore the noise and keep your head in the game.

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

Being told that grades matter for a successful career. Half of people fall below the curve, and many of those people are the best and most successful lawyers I know.

What do you like the most about your practice area?

We see people in some of the best times of their lives, and some of the worst. We see people when they are first married or having children and want to establish a plan, and we see families during incapacity and death. We get to live the life cycle with our clients, and it is such a privilege. We have the power to change lives.

What is your favorite place to escape to in Colorado?

The Broadmoor. The combination of elegance and a mountain backdrop is so relaxing.

What's your biggest pet peeve?

People putting other people down. There is enough happiness to go around, and kindness costs nothing.

If you weren't a lawyer, you'd be:

I always wanted to be an astronaut. I took science and math courses in high school to start that process, but quickly realized I had no skill for numbers or chemistry. I married an aerospace engineer and get to live vicariously through him.

On your desk right now:

One of my many glittering Starbucks reusable cups, hand sanitizer (to keep those germs at bay), a picture of my son and husband, the scales of justice, and a whole bunch of skulls (I collect sparkly skulls).

How do you find work/life balance?

This is hard to do as a lawyer, and I'm not sure I've fully found the balance. I do my best to serve my clients, but I also try to leave work at work. The emotions of working through death and illness with people does sometimes come home with me. If anything, it makes me appreciate my life and family so much more.

How has the CBA impacted your career?

I was so afraid to be involved until I started working with a lawyer who told me that I would be chair of the Trust and Estate Section one day. I thought he was crazy, but he turned out to be right. The CBA has given me a community, a sounding board, and a whole lot of new friends and colleagues to enjoy life with.

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

"I wish my family had done their estate plan before they died." 